

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 535  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL, FORT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 171200853  
AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, )  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 35: All

APPLICATION

On October 12, 2017, Mallard Exploration, LLC (Operator No. 10670) ("Mallard" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S. for an order to:

1. Amend Order No. 535-91 to include the Codell, Fort Hays, and Carlile Formations and approve up to four horizontal wells, within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Fort Hays, and Carlile Formations;
2. Require that the productive interval of each additional proposed horizontal well in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit shall be no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 300 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same source of supply within the unit, pursuant to Order No. 535-632, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and
3. Applicant stated that the wells will be drilled from no more than four well pads within the proposed drilling and spacing unit, to be located within such unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- Rule 318.a. requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well that has the same common source of supply. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Codell, Fort Hays and Carlile Formations.
- On September 31, 2013, the Commission entered Order 535-91, which among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit in Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-632 which approved up to a total of 16 horizontal wells the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit in Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Dates: January 29-30, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than January 12, 2018.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of January 15, 2018, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By 

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: December 21, 2017

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