# 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	j	
OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA	j	DOCKET NO. 180300174
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,	j	
COLORADO	ý	TYPE: POOLING

### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### **APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 25: All Section 26: All Section 27: All Section 34: All Section 35: All

## **APPLICATION**

On January 18, 2018, Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Noble" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Subject all additional nonconsenting interests and any party failing to fulfill its election, in the 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit established for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations;
- 2) Provide that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in § 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of any horizontal well in the 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit to the Codell or Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands; and
- 3) Provide that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of a horizontal well, or who has failed to pay their proportionate share of the cost and expenses of the Wells are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to § 34-60-116(6) and (7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to any horizontal well drilled to develop the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unconventional resource unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 4) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

#### APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

• On April 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-480 which established an

approximate 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and approved an appropriate number of vertical, directional or horizontal wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons within the unit. Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On March 2, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-635 which pooled all interests within an approximate 3200-acre unconventional resource unit established for Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Wells, for any well drilled within two years from the date of this Order, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

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:

Date:

March 19-20, 2018

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 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 March 5, 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 March 5, 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.

# OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: February 8, 2018

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