

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA AND) DOCKET NO. 180900622
CONDELL FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD,)
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 3: S $\frac{1}{2}$

APPLICATION

On June 6, 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) Amend Order No. 407-2238, which established an approximate 800-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2, and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to exclude the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of up to five horizontal wells for the efficient and economic development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations underlying the below-described lands.

2) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well within the amended 640-acre drilling and spacing unit shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same supply within the unit, unless a waiver or consent is obtained from the operator of such well.

3) Approve no more than two new well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

4) Find that the amended approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the Application Lands.

5) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area, Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. The Application Lands are within the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") and thus are subject to Rule 318A.
- On February 19, 1992 (amended August 20, 1993), the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- On October 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2238 which, among other things, established an approximate 800-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Subject Lands comprising portions of Sections 1, 2, and 3, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to five horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, providing that the productive interval of the wellbores will be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, unless the Director grants an exception, and providing that the proposed wells shall be located on no more than two new multi-well pads within the drilling and spacing unit, or on lands adjacent thereto, subject to Rule 318A, unless the Director grants an exception.

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: September 17-18, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Garfield County Sheriff's Annex - Rifle
106 County Road 333-A
Rifle, Colorado 81650

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 August 31, 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 September 3, 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
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By  _____
Julie Spence Pine, Secretary

Dated: August 8, 2018

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