

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 NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS,	)	DOCKET NO. 180900644
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, UNNAMED	)	
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: POOLING

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 June 28, 2018, 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) Pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations; and
- 2) Subject the nonconsenting interests and any party failing to fulfill its election to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., were first incurred for the drilling of the first horizontal well within the unit ("Well"), for development and operation of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- 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 July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-187, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, for Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Hemberger 3-26-34-8-60 Well, for the development and operation of 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.

- On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-219 which, among other things, approved up to four horizontal wells within each of three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 600 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. Sections 25, 26, and 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-294 which approved up to a total of six horizontal wells within each of three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for Sections 25, 26 and 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.
- On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-632, which approved an additional 10 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- On February 12, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 535-942 which, among other things, amended Order 535-91, insofar as it applies to the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit previously established for Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations and approve an additional four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile 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: 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  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: August 8, 2018

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