

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

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ) CAUSE NO. 1V  
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE )  
COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION ) DOCKET NO. 170700186  
COMMISSION BY NOBLE ENERGY INC, WELD ) TYPE: ENFORCEMENT  
COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.e.(2)(B), the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "COGCC") Staff will apply to the Commission at its July 24-25, 2017 hearing for an Order Finding Violation ("OFV") against **Noble Energy Inc.** ("Noble") (Operator No. 100322). This Notice and Application is being served to adjudicate the allegations made in the below-described Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV"), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Noble is the operator of record for the Lilli Unit 14-5 ("Well") (API# 05-123-13434), an underground control injection ("UIC") well in Weld County.

On July 27, 2016, Noble conducted a mechanical integrity test ("MIT") on the Well, witnessed by a COGCC inspector who noted it on Field Inspection Form 684901826.

Rule 316B requires an operator to submit a Form 21 (Mechanical Integrity Test) within 30 days of performance of an MIT. Noble filed a Form 21 for the MIT it conducted on the Well on July 27, 2016, on February 24, 2017 (Doc. No. 401218123).

Noble's last MIT of the Well prior to the July 27, 2016, MIT was conducted on June 21, 2011 (Doc. No. 2001160). Rule 326.a.(4)A requires that dedicated injection wells be tested for mechanical integrity every five years. Based on the prior June 21, 2011, MIT on the Well, the next MIT was due no later than June 21, 2016. The July 27, 2016, MIT was conducted 36 days late.

On February 9, 2017, COGCC Staff issued a Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") (No. 401202313) to Noble for alleged violations at the Well. The NOAV cited violations of the following COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 C.C.R. 404-1 ("Rule" or "Rules"):

- a. Rule 316B - Mechanical Integrity Test; and
- b. Rule 326.a. Mechanical Integrity Test – Injection Wells

COGCC staff requests that Noble be found in violation of the rules cited above, assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523, and impose any other relief as authorized by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500

Rules at 2 C.C.R. 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing at the following date, time, and location:

Date: Monday, July 24, 2017  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

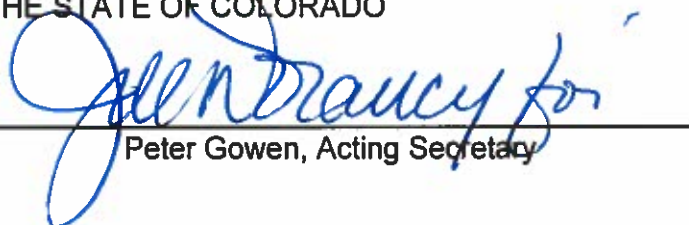
Please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139 prior to the hearing if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability. Special accommodations will be provided in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

At the Commission hearing, the Commission will enter orders as it deems appropriate to protect public health, safety, and welfare, including the environment and wildlife resources, and to carry out the purposes of the Act and Commission Rules, orders, or permits.

A party meeting the requirements for a protestant or intervenor may file a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509. One electronic, one original and two copies of any protest or intervention must be filed with the Commission no later than July 10, 2017. A party who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of July 10, 2017.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By



Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: June 2, 2017

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