

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS,  
CARLILE, AND CODELL FORMATIONS, UNNAMED  
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO. 171000660

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 29: All

Section 32: All

APPLICATION

On August 25, 2017, amended September 20, 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. Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order 535-3 for Section 29, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
2. Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order 535-390 for Section 32, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
3. Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Carlile, and Codell Formations; and
4. Approve up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, with 12 horizontal wells to be drilled to the Niobrara Formation and four horizontal wells to be drilled to the Codell Formation. The productive interval of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
5. Applicant stated that the wells will be drilled from one well pad, 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 click on "Orders" or "Rules")

- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order 535-3, which among other things, established various drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit in Section 29, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order 535-390, which among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit in Section 32, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 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 Fort Hays, Carlile, and Codell 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: October 30-31, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln St. 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 October 16, 2017.** 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](mailto: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 October 16, 2017, 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 Prine, Secretary

Dated: September 22, 2017

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