

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO.  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE FORT HAYS, CARLILE, ) DOCKET NO. 171000681  
CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, )  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, ) TYPE: SPACING  
COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 13: All

Section 14: All

APPLICATION

On or about August 29, 2017, amended September 21, 2017, Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Noble" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order:

1) Establishing an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowing up to 14 new horizontal wells in the unit (at the time of this filing, the horizontal wells are intended to be oriented in an east to west/west to east orientation) for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations.

2) Providing that the treated interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 300 feet on the northern and southern boundaries of the proposed unit and 200 feet on the eastern and western boundaries of the proposed unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), unless an exception is granted by the Director, and authorizing up to three new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director, all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the treated 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) Providing that the two horizontal wells currently producing from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands, the Castor Federal LD13-78HN (API No. 05-123-37097) and the Castor Federal LD14-68HN (API No. 05-123-33493), are excluded from the proposed 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit proposed in this Application and remain under their existing 640-acre drilling and spacing units as to the Niobrara Formation for purposes of payment of proceeds.

4) Finding that the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative

rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations in Sections 13 and 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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 February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which established, among other things, 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands and allowed one horizontal well to be drilled for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 535-3 also established 600' setbacks from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit without an exception being granted by the Director of the Commission. Order 535-3 applies each section of the Application Lands.
- On October 1, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-208 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County, Colorado for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation for the Castor Federal LD14-68HN Well.
- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-474 which, among other things, established 300' setbacks as to the northern boundary section lines of Sections 13 and 14 of the Application Lands and amended the order to include the Codell Formation.

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: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, 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), 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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