

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 CODELL FORMATION,) DOCKET NO. 180100051
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 12: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 13: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 23: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICATION

On November 29, 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 to:

- 1) Pool all interests in the Application Lands underlying an approximate 880-acre designated horizontal Wellbore Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 2) Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Waste Management #Y23-712 Well (API No. 05-123-44840) in the 880-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit to the Codell Formation on the Application Lands.
- 3) Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Waste Management #Y23-712 Well (API No. 05-123-44840) are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Well drilled to develop the Codell Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 4) 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 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted vertical and directional well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Codell Formation.
- 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 subject to this Rule for the Codell Formation.
- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-514 & 535-104 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 13 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located on the surface anywhere within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore for the permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, for lands subject to Rule 318.a., and no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries for lands subject to Rule 318A, without exception being granted by the Director. The drilling and spacing unit established by Order Nos. 407-514 & 535-104 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.
- On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1192 which, among other things, (1) amended Order Nos. 407-514 and 535-104 to include the Codell Formation for an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation, (2) approved an additional 15 horizontal wells, for a total of 16 horizontal wells, within an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be 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, without exception by the Director, and (3) pooled all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, effective as of the date of the Application, for the drilling of the L.E. Gerkin 1H Well, L.E. Gerkin 2H Well, L.E. Gerkin 3H Well, and L.E. Gerkin 4H Well. Order No. 407-1192 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.
- On May 1, 2017 the Commission entered Order No. 407-1953 establishing an approximate 1,600 acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11, 14 and the N½ of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and allowing up to nine (9) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover

the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the unit, providing that the productive interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (however Noble has requested the Commission to correct Order No. 407-1953 to reflect the approved setbacks of 460 feet from the northern, western and eastern boundaries of the unit and no closer than 150 feet from the southern boundary of the unit), not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and approved up to three (3) well pads, unless an exception is granted by the Director. The drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-1953 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

- On July 24, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2096 which, among other things, established an approximate 3,200-acre drilling and spacing unit for portions of Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved a total of up to 24 horizontal wells within the for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, provided that the productive interval of the wellbore will be located no closer than 460 feet from the western, eastern, and southern unit boundaries, no closer than 150 feet from the northern boundary of the unit, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless the Director grants an exception. The drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-2096 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

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: January 29-30, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 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 January 12, 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 January 15, 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: December 18, 2017

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