

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 407  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL ) DOCKET NO. 180600463  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD )  
COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 26: W½

Section 27: All

Section 28: All

APPLICATION

On April 12, 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) Vacate the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-528 for Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

2) Vacate the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-578 for the W½ of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

3) Establish an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approve a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, with the productive interval of any horizontal well permitted under this Application located not less than 460 feet from unit boundaries (regardless of lease lines within the unit) and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of a well producing from within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and

4) Require that the wells be drilled from no more than two well pads within the unit or on adjacent lands, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet

from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-528 which, among other things, established 51 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for lands in Townships 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 North, Ranges 61, 62 and 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., including Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and approve two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 28 of the Application Lands is subject to this Order.
- On April 16, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-578 which established an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the W½ of Section 26, Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorize one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The W½ of Section 26 of the Application Lands is subject to this Order.
- On November 12, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-738 which, among other things, pooled all interests in three approximate 320-acre designated wellbore spacing units established for Sections 25 and 26, Township 7 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., including the Carmichael 26M-223 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-738 does not affect the 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: June 11-12, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Lindou Auditorium  
Michener Library  
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)  
501 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Greeley, Colorado 80639

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 May 25, 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 May 28, 2018.** 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: May 4, 2018

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