

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS,) DOCKET NO. 180700521
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS,)
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,) TYPE: SPACING
COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 13: All

APPLICATION

On May 11, 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 an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-419 for Sections 13 and 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation;

2) Establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and to approve up to 16 new wells in proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations;

3) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the proposed unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), unless an exception is granted by the Director, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director and approving up to two new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and

4) Find that the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations in Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

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. Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations.
- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well in each unit for the Niobrara Formation. Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-419 which among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 13 and 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 13 and 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara 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: July 30 – August 1, 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 July 16, 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 July 16, 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.

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By 
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: June 19, 2018

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