

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 1-36: All

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: W½
Section 2: All
Section 3: All
Sections 10-15: All
Sections 23-26: All
Section 35: All
Section 36: All

Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: All
Section 20: All
Sections 29-32: All

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 10-15: All
Section 19: All
Sections 22-36: All

Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 36: W½

64,133 acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado

APPLICATION

On May 31, 2018, amended June 22, 2018, Noble Energy, Inc., Operator No. 100322 ("Noble" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-105(1), C.R.S. and Commission Rule 216, for an order at the July 30, 2018 hearing:

1) Approving Noble's request for a stay of acceptance of all applications for permits-to-drill ("APDs"), Oil and Gas Location Assessments ("Form 2As"), and applications to establish drilling and spacing units within the Tier One Lands, described below, submitted by all Owners and Operators, including Noble, until the Commission has issued an order on the final Comprehensive Drilling Plan ("CDP") proposed for the Application Lands; and

2) Approving a stay of acceptance of all APDs, Form 2As, and applications to establish drilling and spacing units within the Tier Two Lands, described below, submitted by all Owners and Operators, excluding and excepting Noble, until the Commission has issued an order on the final CDP proposed for the Application Lands.

TIER ONE LANDS:

Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 5-8: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: All

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 1-12: All
Section 18: N½

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: W½
Section 2: All
Section 3: All
Sections 10-12: All
Section 13: N½
Section 14: N½, N½S½
Section 15: All

Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: All
Section 20: All
Sections 29-32: All

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 10-15: All
Section 19: All
Sections 22-36: All

Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 36: W½

TIER TWO LANDS:

Township 2 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 4: W½
Section 5: All
Section 6: All
Section 8: N½

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

Sections 5-8: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: All

Township 3 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: All
Section 20: All
Section 28: W½
Sections 29-32: All
Section 33: W½

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 13-16: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: S½
Section 19-36: All

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: S½
Section 14: S½S½
Sections 23-26: All
Section 35: All
Section 36: All

And for an order at a future hearing, to be properly noticed in accordance with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and Commission Rules:

- 1) Establishing and approving a Comprehensive Drilling Plan in accordance with the requirements of Commission Rule 216 for the Application Lands, for the comprehensive development and operation of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Shale formations; and
- 2) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On February 9, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which, among other things, established eighty (80) acre drilling and spacing units for vertical and directional wells for the production of oil, gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. The Application Lands are subject to Order 407-87 as it applies to the existing vertical and directional wells development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands.
- The Application Lands are within the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") and subject to Rule 318A. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A. which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A. was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A. was again amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells. The August 8, 2011 amendment does not prohibit the establishment of drilling and spacing units within GWA.
- COGCC Rules 216 and 303 apply to 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: 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.** 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: June 22, 2018

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