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

| IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND   | ) | CAUSE NO. 535            |
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| ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN  | ) |                          |
| OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, | j | DOCKET NO. 181200928     |
| CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS,         | j |                          |
| UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO    | Ś | TYPE: EXCEPTION LOCATION |

## NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## <u>APPLICATION LANDS</u>

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 32: All

On October 15, 2018, Mallard Exploration, LLC (Operator No. 10670) ("Mallard" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application ("Application") pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Approve reduced productive interval setbacks of not less than 300 feet from the boundaries of an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M;
- 2) Find that the reduced setbacks on the unit boundaries of the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands; and
- 3) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

## **APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES**

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

- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 32, Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and allowed one horizontal well to be drilled from the unit 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, without an exception being granted by the Director.
- On September 17, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 535-1076 which amended Order No. 535-3 to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorize the drilling of an additional 15 horizontal wells within said unit, for a total of 16 horizontal wells, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Fort Hays, Carlile, and Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of any permitted horizontal well located no closer than 600 feet from

the boundaries of the proposed unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), 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.

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:

December 17-18, 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 three 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 December 3, 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 December 3, 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

THE STATE OF COLORADO

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 5, 2018

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