

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. 181200929
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS,)
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: EXCEPTION LOCATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.

Section 27: All

Section 34: 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 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 27 and 34, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th 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: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-418 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order 535-529, which among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit in Sections 27 and 34, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved eight horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On November 28, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-896 which amended Order 535-529, insofar as it applies to the 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit previously established for Sections 27 and 34, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., to include the Fort Hays, Carlile, and Codell Formations, and approve up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, with the productive interval of each such wellbore shall be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations.

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
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By  _____
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 5, 2018

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