

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, FORT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 181200993  
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 7 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 16: All

Section 21: All

APPLICATION

On October 18, 2018, Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Noble" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-2101 for Sections 15 and 16, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- 2) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 16 and 21, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve up sixteen (16) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations in the unit.
- 3) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the proposed unit and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same supply within the unit, unless a waiver or consent is obtained from the operator of such well.
- 4) Authorize no more than two (2) new well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 5) Find that the approximate 1,280-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 the Application Lands.
- 6) 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")

- Rule 318.a. provides, in part, that all wells drilled for oil or gas to a common source of supply shall have the following setbacks: a. Wells 2,500 feet or greater in depth. A well to be drilled two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet or greater shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. Rule 318.a. applies to Section 22 of the Application Lands.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area, Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. The Application Lands are within the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") and thus are subject to Rule 318A.
- On July 24, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2101 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 15 and 16, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to 10 horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, providing that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same supply 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](mailto: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 8, 2018

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