

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
NOBLE ENERGY INC. FOR AN ORDER)	Cause No. 1R
APPROVING A WELL LOCATION IN THE)	
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	Docket No.
COLORADO)	

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Noble Energy Production Inc. by and through its undersigned counsel, and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (“COGCC”), for an order approving a well location in the area affected by the Greater Wattenberg Area (“GWA”) Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rules in the lands more particularly described in Paragraph 3 below located in Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. In support thereof, the Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. That the Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. That the Applicant has leasehold interests in the GWA and in the Application Lands wherein the well shall be drilled.

Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.
Section 32: Approximate center south line NW/4

Weld County, Colorado (“Application Lands”)

- 3. Pursuant to Order No. 381-1, the Commission established 80-acre drilling and spacing units, consisting of the E/2 and W/2 of each quarter section for areas in which there were existing wells, and for the remaining areas consisting of E/2 and W/2 or the N/2 and S/2 of each quarter section in the Application Lands. Order No. 381-5 an additional well was permitted on each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit in the undrilled 40-acre tract for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Niobrara formation in the Application Lands.

Pursuant to Order No. 1R-100, Rule 318A, operators may utilize surface drilling locations (“GWA windows”) to drill, twin, deepen, recompleat a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age formations from the base of the Dakota formation to the surface. Furthermore, pursuant to Rule 318A(e), additional bottom hole locations for the “J” Sand, Codell and Niobrara formations established greater than 460 feet from the outer boundary of any existing 320 acre drilling and spacing unit. Pursuant to well location provisions of Rule 318A(a), interior infill well locations shall be reached by utilizing directional drilling techniques from the GWA windows. Pursuant to Rule 318A(e)(2), additional bottom hole locations for the “J” Sand, Codell and Niobrara Formations are established less than 460 feet from the outer boundary of a 320-acre governmental half section or from the outer boundary of any existing 320-acre drilling and spacing unit (“Boundary Wells”) and a wellbore spacing unit shall be designated by the operator for such well.

- 4. On May 16, 2007, Noble issued a well proposal pursuant to Rule 318A(e)(6) to Ed Orr wherein it advised Mr. Orr it intended to propose, drill and operate the Brown I #32-20 well (Well”). A copy of the well proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Noble advised Mr. Orr that the wellbore spacing unit will be comprised of the S/2NW/4 and N/2SW/4 of the Application Lands. Noble advised that the Well will be drilled to a total depth to sufficiently test the Codell/Niobrara formations. The surface location proposed is 1,197 FNL and 2,627 FEL in the Application Lands with a bottom hole location of 2,575’ FNL and 1,050’ FWL of the Application Lands. A Reference Map is also attached showing the proposed area, and location.
- 5. On June 2, 2007, Mr. Orr, through counsel, objected to the Well, and included as grounds for objection that the proposed Well is to test only the Codell-Niobrara formation and contended his correlative rights would be affected by not drilling to the “J” Sand. A copy of the June 2, 2007 objection is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

6. On June 6, 2007, Noble responded to the June 2, 2007 letter. Noble requested to be made aware of any other objections to the Well location, and also sought up-to-date logs on Mr. Orr's drilling of the PRR #32-14D. Noble also requested title information with respect to the SW/4 of Section 32 so that a title opinion could be performed for the 160-acre drilling and spacing unit. A copy of the June 6, 2007 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit C. On July 9, 2007, Mr. Morgan emailed Mr. Bram and confirmed Mr. Orr's only objection to the Well is that it does not go to the "J" Sand formation. Mr. Morgan also agreed that the "J" Sand log would be forthcoming.

7. In order to proceed with the locating and drilling of the Well, and in order to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and promote the best interests of conservation, Noble seeks approval from the Commission to locate the Well as proposed and to the Codell/Niobrara Formation.

8. The parties listed on Exhibit D own interests in the proposed wellbore spacing unit.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice thereof be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

A. That the wellbore spacing unit shall be comprised of the S/2NW/4 and N/2SW/4 of the Application Lands and the Well shall be located as follows: surface location of 1,197 FNL and 2,627 FEL in the Application Lands with a bottom hole location of 2,575' FNL and 1,050' FWL of the Application Lands. The Well will be drilled to a total depth to sufficiently test the Codell/Niobrara formations.

B. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER)

Robert J. Bram, Senior Land Negotiator of Noble Energy Production Inc., upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

NOBLE ENERGY PRODUCTION INC.

By: _____
Robert J. Bram, Senior Land Negotiator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2007, by Robert J. Bram, Senior Land Negotiator of Noble Production Energy Inc.

Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires:_____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT D

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