

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. 407  
POOLING ALL NONCONSENTING )  
INTERESTS IN THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA ) Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
FORMATIONS IN A DRILLING AND SPACING )  
UNIT LOCATED IN WATTENBERG FIELD, )  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO )  
)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which, among other things, established the 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas from the Codell / Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands described below. 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 Formation from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to, among other things, allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Codell / Niobrara Formations.

On November 23, 2009, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to establish wellbore drilling and spacing units and for an order to pool all non-consenting interests for the drilling of wells for the development and operation of the Codell / Niobrara Formations. Applicant has proposed the LDS F01-27 Well to be drilled to the Codell / Niobrara Formations.

Applicant seeks to pool all non-consenting interests for the drilling of wells in the drilling and spacing unit in Section 1: N/2NE/4, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Section 36: S/2SE/4 Township 6 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010  
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place:

Denver, Colorado

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. 139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

**In accordance with Rule 509, any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than December 28, 2009, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and thirteen (13) copies shall be filed with the Commission (Rule 503.). **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to**

**participate in a prehearing conference during the week of December 28, 2009.** Pursuant to Rule 503.f., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by **December 28, 2009, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of December 28, 2009.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511.b., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Willis, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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