

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE) | CAUSE NO. 1V |
| RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL) | |
| AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY) | ORDER NO. 0512-OV-11 |
| NOBLE ENERGY PRODUCTION, INC.,) | |
| WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) | |

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER BY CONSENT

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 30, 2004, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") approved Applications for Permit-to-Drill ("APD") for Patina Oil and Gas Corporation ("Patina") for the Guttersen State CC #20-12 Well located in the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., and the Guttersen State CC #20-13 Well located in the SW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. The APDs for both wells had an expiration date of June 29, 2005.

On August 15, 2005, Patina, now operating under the name Noble Energy Production, Inc. ("Noble"), notified the COGCC that the Guttersen State CC #20-13 Well had been drilled and that the Guttersen State CC #20-12 Well had been spudded after the expiration date for the approved APDs. The Guttersen State CC #20-13 Well was spudded on August 9, 2005 and was drilled to total depth, with production casing set in the well. The Guttersen State CC #20-12 Well was spudded on August 15, 2005 and was drilled to a depth of 95 feet, at which point Noble realized that the APD had expired and suspended drilling operations.

On August 16, 2005, Notices of Alleged Violation ("NOAVs") were issued for both wells for violations of Rule 303.a.(1), requiring an approved Permit-to-Drill prior to drilling, and Rule 303.h., specifying that if operations are not commenced on the permitted well within one (1) year after date of approval, the permit shall become null and void. The NOAVs required Noble to "Submit information detailing how this violation occurred, what actions Noble took to mitigate the violation, and what actions Noble will implement to prevent future occurrences of the problem".

On August 16, 2005 Noble refiled APDs, including required documentation and thirty (30) day notice waivers, for both wells. The COGCC approved the refilings on August 16, 2005.

On September 15, 2005, Noble complied with the NOAVs.

On September 23, 2005, COGCC staff issued an Administrative Order by Consent ("AOC") to Noble Energy Production, Inc. for the violation of Rule 303.a.(1), failure to have an approved Application for Permit-to-Drill prior to drilling, and violation of Rule 303.h., if operations are not commenced on the permitted well within one (1) year after date of approval, the permit shall become null and void, for the Guttersen State CC #20-12 Well located in the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. and the Guttersen State CC #20-13 Well located in the SW¼ SW¼ of Section 20, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. On September 28, 2005 Noble Energy Production, Inc agreed to and accepted the AOC, including a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)

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:

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| Date: | Monday, December 5, 2005 Tuesday, December 6, 2005 |
| Time: | 9:00 a.m. |
| Place: | Suite 801, The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 |

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 November 21, 2005, 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 nine (9) 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 November 21, 2005.** Pursuant to Rule 503.e., 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 THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By _____
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
November 11, 2005