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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON FIELD, GARFIELD AND MESA COUNTIES, COLORADO CAUSE NO. 139

DOCKET NO. 0502-SP-02

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 27, 2004, Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to establish 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, allowing up to one Williams Fork Formation well per 10 acres which can be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork Formation, located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than 100 feet from the boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. In cases where the below-listed lands abut or corner lands that the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork Formation wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands without exception being granted by the Director of the or intend to drill more than four (4) Williams Fork Formation wells either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) well pad located on a given quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

Section 6: All

Section 7: All

Section 18: Resurvey Tract #41; (originally described as W½ SE¼ of Section 7, and the NW¼ NE¼, NE¼ NW¼ of Section 18 (containing 160.00 acres) Resurvey Tract #40; (originally described as Lots 3 and 4 and SE¼ SW¼ of Section 7)

 Township 8 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M.

 Section 1:
 W¹/₂, W¹/₂ NE¹/₄, W¹/₂ SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄

 Section 2:
 E¹/₂, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄

- Section 11: E¹/₂, SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄
- Section 12: All
- Section 13: E¹/₂ NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄

The Commission has entered numerous orders establishing drilling and spacing units comprised of various sizes of acreage for the production of gas from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group in the Rulison Field adjacent to the above-described 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, February 14, 2005 Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Suite 801, The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, CO 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 Angie Gipson at (303) 894-2100 ext. 113, 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 January 31, 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.f.). Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be available to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of January 31, 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 accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by January 31, 2005, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of January 31, 2005.

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 January 14, 2005 Attorney for Applicant: Gregory R. Danielson Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP 1550 17th St., Suite 500 Denver, CO 80202 (303) 892-7438