

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NOS.139 & 510
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON FIELD,) DOCKET NO. 0607-SP-33
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and 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. The W½ NE¼ SE¼ of Section 8, Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this rule.

On April 24, 2006 the Commission issued Order Nos. 139-59 and 510-19, which among other things, established 40-acre drilling and spacing units, including certain lands in Section 8, Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M. The W½ NE¼ SE¼ of Section 8 was excluded from the application requesting the drilling and spacing rules established in Order Nos. 139-59 and 510-19.

On May 17, 2006, 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 W½ NE¼ SE¼ of Section 8, Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M., for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, allowing up to one (1) well per 10-acres with the option of up to four (4) wells, with the permitted well to be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the unit boundary, and no closer than two hundred (200) feet from the unit boundaries where 10-acre density drilling has not been allowed, without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Said wells will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section, unless exception is granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

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, July 10, 2006
 Tuesday, July 11, 2006

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 June 26, 2006, 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 June 26, 2006. 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 June 26, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of June 26, 2006. In accordance with Rule 511.b. of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, 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 _____
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203
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