

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 510
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON FIELD,)	DOCKET NO. 0701-SP-07
GARFIELD AND MESA COUNTIES, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 22, 2005, corrected on February 28, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 510-14, which among other things, established a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the SW¼ of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P. M. and allowed the number of wells which can be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork Formation the equivalent of one (1) well per ten (10) acres, with permitted well to be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the boundaries of the unit. In cases where the lands abut or corner lands that the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density Williams Fork Formation wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than two hundred (200) feet from the boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands. Further, the wells shall be drilled either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) well pad located on a given quarter quarter section.

On April 24, 2006, corrected on November 15, 2006, the Commission issued Order Nos. 139-59 and 510-19, which among other things, established a 160-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the SW¼ of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P. M. for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Iles Formation, and allowed the number of wells which can be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork Formation to the equivalent of one (1) well per ten (10) acres, with permitted well to be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the boundaries of the unit. In cases where the lands abut or corner lands that the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density Iles Formation wells, the well should be located downhole no closer than two hundred (200) feet from the boundaries of the drilling unit so abutting or cornering such lands. Further, the wells shall be drilled either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) well pad located on a given quarter quarter section.

On November 20, 2006, Noble Energy Inc. ("Noble"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to amend the 160-acre drilling and spacing units established in Order Nos. 510-14 and 510-19 for production from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, to establish forty (40) acre drilling and spacing units in the SW¼ of Section 35, Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M. for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations. Noble requests that as to each such drilling and spacing unit, the Commission allow up to one (1) Williams Fork Formation or Iles Formation well per ten (10) acres which can be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group.

Noble commits that the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled on the Application Lands will on average, if topographically feasible through the Application Lands, be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from the same pad and no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section, unless exception is granted by the 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, January 8, 2007
Tuesday, January 9, 2007

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 December 22, 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 December 26, 2006.** 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 22, 2006, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of December 26, 2006.** 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 _____
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
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