

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATION AND )	CAUSE NO. 139
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO )	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON )	DOCKET NO. 0711-SP-32
FIELD, 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 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The N½ NE¼ and the NE¼ NW¼ of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule.

On March 20, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 139-54, which among other things, established 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation, for the N½ SW¼ of Section 3 and the E½ SE¼ of Section 4, both in Township 8 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., allowing the equivalent of one well per 20 acres with the permitted wells to be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 400 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation well, without exception being granted by the Director.

On June 5, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 139-62, which among other things, established 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Iles Formation, for the N½ SW¼ of Section 3 and the E½ SE¼ of Section 4, both in Township 8 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., allowing the equivalent of one well per 20 acres with the permitted wells to be located downhole anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit but no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 400 feet from any existing Iles Formation well, without exception being granted by the Director.

On September 14, 2007, Noble Energy Inc., by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to establish 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the NW¼ NE¼, NE¼ NE¼ and NE¼ NW¼ of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 96 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group and to allow the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres.

That as to all future Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the application lands, each well may be located downhole in the established drilling and spacing unit but no closer than one hundred (100) feet from the unit boundary unless the boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density wells, in which event the well shall be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the unit boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which ten (10) acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork Formation or Iles Formation well has not been ordered by the Commission.

Applicant commits that wells to be drilled under this application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and that both the Williams Fork and Iles Formations will be reached from a single wellbore, *i.e.*, separate wells will not be drilled to reach each formation.

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, November 5, 2007 Tuesday, November 6, 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 October 22, 2007, 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 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 October 22, 2007.** 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 **October 22, 2007, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 22, 2007.** 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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