

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 139
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE RULISON FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 0809-AW-26
GARFIELD AND MESA COUNTIES, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation 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 below-listed lands are subject to this Rule for the Iles Formation:

Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 3: Lot 9 (8.19 acres)  
Section 10 : E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 14 : W $\frac{1}{2}$ , except SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$   
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$   
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 15 : NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

On December 6, 2005, corrected December 10, 2007, the Commission issued Order No.139-53, which among other things, allowed the equivalent of one well per 10 acres for certain lands including the below-listed lands, for production from the Williams Fork Formation, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of 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 wells has not been ordered by the Commission:

Township 8 South, Range 95 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 10: W $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 14: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
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NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 15: W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
NW, N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

On August 5, 2008, Noble Energy Inc., by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to allow one well per 10 acres for the below listed lands, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations:

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SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 15 : NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

That as to all future Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the application lands, wells should be located downhole anywhere upon such lands but no closer than 100 feet from the lease line or unit boundary lease, unless the lease line or unit 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 10-acre density wells, in which event the well shall be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the lease line or unit boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork Formation or Iles Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission.

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 (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto) 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, September 22, 2008  
Tuesday, September 23, 2008

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 September 8, 2008 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. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of September 8, 2008.** 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 **September 8, 2008, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of September 8, 2008.** 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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