

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1102-UP-09
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**This Amended Notice of Hearing sets forth a new deadline for any interested party to protest the granting of the application or intervene on the application. The new deadline to protest/intervene is February 16, 2011. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference on either February 17 or 18, 2011. No other changes have been made to the content in the prior Notice of Hearing issued on January 18, 2011.**

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. Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Dakota Formation.

On December 19, 1981, the Commission issued Order No. 232-23, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the "J" Sand Formation.

On November 16, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 499-15, which among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Dakota Formation.

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the drilling and spacing unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section, (or the Director, if the operator fails to designate). The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the drilling and spacing unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit.

On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A., which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On December 14, 2010, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application to: (1) pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands (to accommodate the Lulu #XX08-14D Well (the "Well"), API #05-123-31784, with a planned bottomhole location of 660 feet FSO and 1,980 feet FWL of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations:

Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 8: E½ SW¼

and (2) pool all nonconsenting interests in the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the below listed lands (to accommodate the Well), for the development and operation of the "J" Sand and Dakota Formations:

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Further, Noble requests that this order be made retroactive to the spud date of the Well, and intends to commingle production from the Well and allocate production accordingly.

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: Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011

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. 5139, 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 February 16, 2011, 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 on either February 17 or 18, 2011.**

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
1120 Lincoln Street  
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