

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN
OPERATIONS IN THE TOM CAT FIELD, WELD COUNTY,
COLORADO

) CAUSE NO. 536
)
) DOCKET NO. 1106-EX-09
)

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. Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Lyons Formation.

On April 28, 2011, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") for an order to grant a well location exemption for the McKay AB #02-14 Well (the "Well"), API #05-123-31495, a vertical well, with the intended bottomhole location of 610 feet FSL and 2,140 feet FWL in the SE¼ SW¼ of Section 2, Township 7 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. The actual bottomhole location of the Well is located at approximately 554 feet West of the lease line for Federal Oil and Gas Lease COC-67169, which is a federal lease held by GADECO as lessee. Noble seeks an exception from Rule 318.a., in that Noble seeks to retain the current bottomhole location of the Well, which is approximately 46 feet out of conformance with the 600 foot setback requirement of Rule 318.a.

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, June 27, 2011
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Elbert County Fairgrounds
Ag Building
95 Ute Avenue
Kiowa, CO 80117

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 June 13, 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 during the week of June 13, 2011.** Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 13, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of June 13, 2011.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., 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


Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

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