

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. 1105-UP-20
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 20, 1990, the Commission issued Order No. 139-16, which among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands including Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation.

On June 5, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 139-61, which among other things, approved of one well per 10 acres well density for certain lands, including the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

On May 10, 2007, the Commission issued Order No. 139-73, which among other things, established 40-acre drilling and spacing units, and continued to approve one well per 10 acres well density, for certain lands, including the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation.

On February 2, 2011, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant") by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the approximate 40-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 94 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Williams Fork Formation, effective to the respective spud dates of the below-listed wells to be drilled within said unit:

- Double B Ranch #18-44A Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 1,126 feet FSL and 624 feet FEL of said Section 18
- Double B Ranch #18-44B Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 850 feet FSL and 613 feet FEL of said Section 18
- Double B Ranch #18-44C Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 480 feet FSL and 594 feet FEL of said Section 18
- Double B Ranch #18-44D Well, with a planned bottomhole location of 193 feet FSL and 624 feet FEL of said Section 18

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, May 16, 2011  
Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 2, 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 May 2, 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 **May 2, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of May 2, 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

Dated at Suite 801  
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