

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN AN UNNAMED FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1201-SP-11
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. 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 17, Township 11 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318.a.

2. On November 23, 2011, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands ("Application Lands"), and authorize one or more additional horizontal and one or more additional vertical wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundary of the unit, and not less than 150 feet from any existing or permitted oil or gas wellbore, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 11 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 17: All

Applicant states there are presently three vertical wells within the proposed drilling and spacing unit completed to the J-Sand formation: DF Ranch 1161-17-12, (API No. 05-123-31073); DF Ranch 1161-17-42, (API No. 05-123-31007); and DF Ranch 17-34, (API No. 05-123-30010). Applicant requests these wells be excluded from the proposed drilling and spacing unit and that the established drilling and spacing units for these existing vertical J-Sand Formation wells not be changed. Applicant confirms that it will not change the established distribution of proceeds for any existing vertical J-Sand Formation wells within the proposed 640-acre drilling and spacing unit.

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, January 23, 2012 Tuesday, January 24, 2012
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	COGCC Offices 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 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 January 6, 2012, 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 January 6, 2012. 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 **January 6, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning January 6, 2012.** 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 
Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
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