

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. 1205-SP-54
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-45 which, among other things: 1) established eight approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and authorized one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 2) required the completed interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit, and the distance between the completed interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 150 feet from the wellbore of any existing or permitted oil and gas well. Sections 16 and 19, Township 10 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

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. Sections 5, 9, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 33, Township 11 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Rule 318.a.

On March 30, 2012, Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to: (1) amend Order No. 535-45 to authorize up to four wells within each unit for the below-described lands ("Prior DSU") for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of each unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 10 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

Section 16:	ALL	<i>(Prior DSU #1 – 640-acres)</i>
Section 19:	ALL	<i>(Prior DSU #2 – 640-acres)</i>

and (2) establish two approximate 640-acre and four approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and authorize up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 600-feet from the boundaries of each unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 11 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

Section 5:	ALL	<i>(DSU #1 – 640-acres)</i>
Section 33:	ALL	<i>(DSU #2 – 640-acres)</i>

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Section 9:	ALL	
Section 16:	ALL	<i>(DSU #3 – 1280-acres)</i>

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Section 15:	ALL	
Section 22:	ALL	<i>(DSU #4 – 1280-acres)</i>

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Section 21:	ALL	
Section 28:	ALL	<i>(DSU #5 – 1280-acres)</i>

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Section 20:	ALL	
Section 29:	ALL	<i>(DSU #6 – 1280-acres)</i>

Applicant requested to locate the surface location anywhere on the Application lands.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (Commission) under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012
Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: COGCC Offices
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

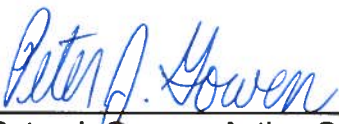
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Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent 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 14, 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 May 14, 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 **May 14, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning May 14, 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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