

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 407 & 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1208-UP-218
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1988, 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 Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On June 27, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-38 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries. Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On August 8, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-52 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, to accommodate the Franks 7-62 34-1H Well (API No. 05-123-33809), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On June 21, 2012, Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Concurrent Application"), Docket No. 1208-AW-17, seeking to amend Order 535-38, to approve up to four wells within the unit for Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On June 21, 2012, Marathon, by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to vacate Order 535-52, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit in the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation:

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 34: All

Applicant states the abandonment of the Application for Permit to Drill ("APD") upon which Order 535-52 was approved voids the basis for the forced pooling action.

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:	Monday, August 20, 2012 Tuesday, August 21, 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 August 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 August 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 **August 6, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning August 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 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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