

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	CAUSE NO. 535
NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO)	
VACATE THE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT)	DOCKET NO. 1301-UP-26
ESTABLISHED BY ORDER NO. 535-3, AND)	
ESTABLISH THE TIMBRO EXPLORATORY)	
STATE UNIT IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 9)	
NORTH, RANGE 59 WEST, 6 TH P.M. FOR THE)	
CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED)	
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which, among other things, established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 13, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On November 2, 2012, Noble Energy, LLC ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to:

1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Section 13, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; and

2) establish the Timbro Exploratory State Unit ("Unit") pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(2), an approximate 640-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and approve an unlimited number of horizontal wells within the boundaries of the Unit, subject to approved setbacks, intrawell distances, and engineering testimony establishing the appropriate number of wells to efficiently drain the reservoir, for the production of gas, oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.
Section 13: All ("Timbro Exploratory State Unit");

Applicant states, on a tract participation basis, at least 80% of the owners of production, or proceeds therefrom, and at least 80% of those required to pay the costs of unit operations, will approve the Unit Agreement and Unit Operating Agreement by the time this matter comes before the Commission for hearing;

Applicant states all wells will be drilled from no more than one wellpad located within each quarter quarter section, without exception being granted by the Director;

Applicant states all previously existing wells will become part of the Unit, subject to the terms of the Unit Agreement, Unit Operating Agreement, or other agreement between the Applicant and other Owners or mineral interest owners, unless such wells are specifically excepted from the Unit. Applicant may file, but is not obligated to, a Comprehensive Development Plan ("CDP") for the Timbro Exploratory State Unit; and

3) approve the unit operation of the Timbro Exploratory State Unit, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-118, for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation, effective upon approval of the Application by the Commission.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado 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, January 7, 2013
Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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 December 18, 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 December 18, 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 **December 18, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 18, 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.

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By _____
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: December 4, 2012

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