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

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED APPLICATION OF	)	CAUSE NO. 535
NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO VACATE	)	
TWO APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND	)	DOCKET NO. 1309-SP-1154
SPACING UNITS AND ESTABLISH A 1,280 ACRE	)	
DRILING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 13 AND	)	
24, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> 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 issued Order No. 535-3 which, among other things, established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 13 and 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to Order No. 535-3 for the Niobrara Formation.

On April 18, 2013 (Amended August 19, 2013), Noble Energy, LLC ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified amended application ("Amended Application") for an order to vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 13 and 24, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas 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, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: All Section 24: All

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 State Administrative Procedures Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, September 16, 2013

Tuesday, September 17, 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 August 30, 2013, 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. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two 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 September 3, 2013. Pursuant to Rule 503.a. 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 30, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning September 3, 2013. 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By /

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: August 23, 2013

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