

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WHITING ) CAUSE NO. 535  
OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER TO )  
APPROVE COST RECOVERY FOR TWO ) DOCKET NO. 1312-UP-242  
HORIZONTAL WELLS LOCATED WITHIN AN )  
APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING )  
UNIT PREVIOUSLY POOLED BY ORDER NO. 535-289, )  
IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 59 )  
WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, )  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-75 which established four approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-280 which approved up to six horizontal wells in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-289 which pooled all interests in Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the drilling of the Timbro Ranch 6-41-9-49 Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

On October 17, 2013, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Whiting" or "Applicant"), filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to approve the cost recovery provisions set forth in §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") previously pooled by Order No. 535-289, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the Wildhorse 06-0634H Well (API No. 05-123-34980) and the Wildhorse 06-0614H Well (API No. 05-123-34978) ("Wells"):

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 6: 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, December 16, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center  
1300 Broadway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1E  
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 2, 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 December 3, 2013.** 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 2, 2013, the Applicant may request that an **administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 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: November 18, 2013

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
Website: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>  
Phone: (303) 894-2100  
Fax: (303) 894-2109

Attorneys for Whiting:  
Stephen J. Sullivan  
Chelsey J. Russell  
Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C.  
1125 - 17th Street, Suite 2200  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Phone: 303-830-2500

Fax: 303-832-2366  
[ssullivan@wsmtlaw.com](mailto:ssullivan@wsmtlaw.com)  
[crussell@wsmtlaw.com](mailto:crussell@wsmtlaw.com)