

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 FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 1406-SP-2075
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,	)	
COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 7: All (specific to the western unit boundary line only)

APPLICATION

On April 17, 2014, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S. for an order to:

1) Modify Order No. 535-3 to allow 300 foot setbacks for the western section boundary line of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, 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. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Codell Formation.
- On February 22, 2011, Order No. 535-3 established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each unit for the Niobrara Formation, with the initial perforation and ultimate bottomhole to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary without exception being granted by the Director. Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to Order No. 535-3 for the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, Order No. 535-479, among other things, modified the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to establish the Codell and Niobrara Formations as the spaced formations. The drilling and spacing unit was approved with the resolution of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") protest to include the language, in relevant part: "With further exception allowing for corresponding reciprocal setbacks of 300 feet along

the eastern section line of Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. upon application and approval of 300 foot exterior boundary setbacks being approved by the Commission for the western section line of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Codell Formation and Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by Director."

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, June 16, 2014  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Rifle Branch Library  
Garfield County Public Library District  
207 East Avenue  
Rifle, CO 81650

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At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than June 2, 2014.** 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 June 2, 2014.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing, based on review of the merits of the verified application and supporting exhibits.

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By   
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: May 22, 2014

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