

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-2076
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	
COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3: All (specific to the northern unit boundary line only)

Section 4: All (specific to the northern unit boundary line only)

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: All (specific to the southern unit boundary line only)

Section 23: All (specific to the southern unit boundary line only)

Section 24: All (specific to the southern unit boundary line only)

Section 28: All (specific to the eastern unit boundary line only)

Section 33: All (specific to the eastern unit boundary line only)

APPLICATION

On April 17, 2014, Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble Energy, Inc." 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 southern section lines of Sections 22, 23, and 24, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., the eastern section lines of Section 28 and 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and the northern section lines of Sections 3 and 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th 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. Sections 22, 23, 24 and 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and Section 3, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., are subject to Order No. 535-3 for the Niobrara Formation.

- On October 1, 2012, Order No. 535-211 pooled all interests in Section 3, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. to accommodate the McClellan PC LG03-78HN Well (API No. 05-123-34351) for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 29, 2013, Order No. 535-376 1) vacated three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3; 2) vacated Order No. 535-223, which pooled an approximately 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.; 3) established an approximate 1920-acre unconventional resource unit; and 4) approved an appropriate number of wells for the Codell-Niobrara Formation within the proposed unit, 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. Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Order No. 535-376 for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- On July 29, 2013, Order No. 535-436 established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved one horizontal well for the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Order No. 535-436 for the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, Order No. 535-480 established an approximate 3200-acre unconventional resource unit for five sections adjacent of the Application Lands. The URU was approved with the resolution of the Bureau of Land Management's ("BLM") protest to include the language in relevant part: "With a further exception allowing for corresponding reciprocal setbacks of 300 feet along the northern section lines of Sections 25, 26, and 27, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., the western section lines of Sections 27 and 34, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, , 6th P.M., and the southern section line of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., upon application and approval of 300 foot boundary sections by the Commission for the southern section lines of Sections 22, 23, and 24, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., the eastern section lines of Section 28 and 33, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and the northern section lines of Sections 3 and 4, Township 8 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the Codell Formation and Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the 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

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.

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 

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