

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 1406-UP-153
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 23: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 26: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 27: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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) Pool all interests, including leased mineral interests, in an approximate 404-acre wellbore spacing unit for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the Reliance E23-79HN (API No. 05-123-38868).

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule.
- On March 17, 1986, Order No. 410-3 allowed an additional well to be drilled on each 80-acre unit for production from the Codell and Niobrara.
- On February 19, 1992, Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On October 1, 2012, Order No. 407-722 pooled all interests in a spacing unit for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-722

does not affect this Application.

- On October 1, 2012, Order No. 407-723 pooled all interests in a spacing unit for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-723 does not affect this Application.

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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By 
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: May 12, 2014

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