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**NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION - RESOLVED**

Per Rule 522, the Director has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the Act, or of any Commission rule, order, or permit has occurred, the Director will require the operator to remedy the violation and may commence an enforcement action seeking penalties by issuing a Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV). Per Rule 523, an operator who violates the Act, or a Commission rule, order, or permit may be subject to a penalty imposed by Commission order.

**OPERATOR INFORMATION**

ECMC Operator Number: 100322  
Name of Operator: NOBLE ENERGY INC  
Address: 1001 NOBLE ENERGY WAY  
City: HOUSTON State: TX Zip: 77070  
Contact Name and Telephone:  
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**Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):**

API Number: 05-123-21812-00 Facility or Location ID: 270036  
Name: WARDLAW Number: 16-28  
QtrQtr: SESE Sec: 28 Twp: 6N Range: 64W Meridian: 6  
County: WELD

**ALLEGED VIOLATION**

Rule: 210.b  
Rule Description: Signs & Markers- Wells & Batteries  
Initial Discovery Date: Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No  
Date of Violation: Approximate Time of Violation:  
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

**Description of Alleged Violation:**

Pursuant to Rule 210.b., within 60 days after the completion of a well or the installation of a battery, Noble Energy Inc ("Operator") shall install permanent signage at the wellhead and/or battery. This signage shall provide, among other required information, the name of Operator, a phone number at which Operator can be reached at all times, and a phone number for local emergency services (911 where available).

On 03/20/2019 COGCC staff performed an inspection of Noble Energy Inc's Wardlaw 16-28 facility (api #05-123-21812) and noted lack of emergency contact signage at the wellhead in document #696100580.

On 09/05/2019 COGCC staff performed a followup inspection of Noble Energy Inc's Wardlaw 16-28 (api #05-123-21812) facility and noted corrective actions incomplete in document #696101264.

Operator failed to install permanent signage with the required information at the wellhead, violating Rule 210.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator: Corrective Action Due Date: 02/17/2020

**Proper and timely abatement does not preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.**

Operator shall install signage that provides emergency contact information, including a phone number at which the Operator can be

reached at all times and a phone number for local emergency services.

Rule: 603.f

Rule Description: Statewide Equipment, Weeds, Waste, and Trash Requirements

Initial Discovery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 603.f., Noble Energy Inc ("Operator") shall keep free of the following at all locations, including wells and surface production facilities: equipment, vehicles, and supplies not necessary for use on that lease; weeds; rubbish, and other waste material.

On 03/20/2019 COGCC staff performed an inspection of Noble Energy Inc's Wardlaw 16-28 facility (api #05-123-21812) and noted unused equipment at the wellhead in document #696100580.

On 09/05/2019 COGCC staff performed a followup inspection of Noble Energy Inc's Wardlaw 16-28 (api #05-123-21812) facility and noted corrective actions incomplete in document #696101264.

Operator's failure to remove unused equipment violates Rule 603.f.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrective Action Due Date: 02/17/2020

**Proper and timely abatement does not preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.**

Remove all unused equipment to comply with rule 603.f.

### PENALTY

Penalties for violations alleged in this NOAV will be calculated pursuant to Rule 523, with daily penalties accruing pursuant to Section 34-60-121(1), C.R.S.

### ANSWER

Pursuant to Rule 522.d.(2), the operator must file an Answer to this NOAV within 28 days of its receipt, or a default judgement may be entered. Hard copy answers are filed with the Commission Secretary at the Commission's Denver office and should also be emailed to [dnr\\_ecmc\\_enforcement@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_ecmc_enforcement@state.co.us).

### NOAV ISSUED

NOAV Issue Date: 01/16/2020

ECMC Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

ECMC Representative: Conor Pesicka

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### CORRECTIVE ACTION COMPLETED

Rule: 210.b

Rule Description: Signs & Markers- Wells & Batteries

Corrective Action Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrective Action Complete Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has corrective action for this violation been performed as required? Yes

Description of Actual Corrective Action Performed by Operator

Dismissed by the Enforcement Unit after compliance was successfully achieved.

Rule: 603.f

Rule Description: Statewide Equipment, Weeds, Waste, and Trash Requirements

Corrective Action Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrective Action Complete Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Has corrective action for this violation been performed as required? Yes

Description of Actual Corrective Action Performed by Operator

Dismissed by the Enforcement Unit after compliance was successfully achieved.

### FINAL RESOLUTION

Cause #: \_\_\_\_\_ Order #: \_\_\_\_\_ Docket #: \_\_\_\_\_

Enforcement Action: Dismissed by Issuing Unit

Final Resolution Date: 08/14/2024

Final Resolution Comments:

Dismissed by the Enforcement Unit after compliance was successfully achieved.

### ATTACHMENT LIST

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