

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) CAUSE NO. 535  
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, FOR AN ORDER TO )  
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 1280-ACRE ) DOCKET NO. 1309-SP-1189  
EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT, AND )  
APPROVE UP TO TWO HORIZONTAL WELLS )  
WITHIN THE UNIT FOR SECTIONS 23 AND 24, )  
TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. )  
FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED )  
FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On November 29, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which, among other things, established 25 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 23 and 24, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 18, 2013, ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified concurrent application ("Concurrent Application"), Docket No. 1309-UP-200, for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 23 and 24, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On July 18, 2013, ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-97 for Sections 23 and 24, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and establish an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit and approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 960 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 23: All

Section 24: All

The proposed wells shall be located on no more than two wellpads within the drilling and spacing unit.

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, September 16, 2013  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
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 August 30, 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 September 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 **August 30, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning September 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: August 20, 2013

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