

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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY)	CAUSE NO. 535
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	
TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE)	DOCKET NO. 1309-UP-199
1280-ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND)	
SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 26)	
AND 27, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST,)	
6 TH P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,)	
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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. Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318.a. for the Niobrara Formation.

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 26 and 27, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-100 which, among other things, granted a well location exception to the requirements of Commission Rule 318.a. for the development and production of oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. is 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-SP-1185, for an order to: 1) vacate the well location exception established by Order No. 535-100 for Section 26, Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.; 2) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 27, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.; and 3) establish an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit and approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit.

On July 18, 2013, ConocoPhillips, by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. §34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Cottonwood

Creek 4-65 26-27 1H Well and one other well (API Nos. – to be determined) ("Wells"), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116(7):

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 26: All

Section 27: All

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.

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By 
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: August 20, 2013

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