

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. 1310-UP-223
1280-ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND)
SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 21)
AND 22, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST,)
6TH 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 21 and 22, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-422 which, among other things, established an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit, and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 21 and 22, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On August 29, 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 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 Sunset 4-65 21-22 1H Well (API No. – to be determined) and one other well ("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 21: All
Section 22: 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, October 28, 2013
Tuesday, October 29, 2013


Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Limon Community Center
477 D Avenue
Limon, Colorado 80236

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 October 11, 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 October 15, 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 **October 11, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning October 15, 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: October 7, 2013

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