

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 960-ACRE ) DOCKET NO. 1312-SP-1207  
EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT, AND )  
APPROVE ONE HORIZONTAL WELL WITHIN THE )  
UNIT FOR SECTIONS 13 AND 14, 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. Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is 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 13, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On October 17, 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. 1312-UP-249, for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 960-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 14, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

On October 17, 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 1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) vacate the well exception location established by Order No. 535-100 for Section 13, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and 3) establish an approximate 960-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit and approve one horizontal well 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 productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 13: W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
Section 14: 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, December 16, 2013  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center  
1300 Broadway, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 1E  
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 December 2, 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 December 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 **December 2, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 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: November 20, 2013

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