

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER TO
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 1280-
ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND SPACING
UNIT IN SECTIONS 17 AND 18, TOWNSHIP 4
SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE
NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD,
ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Burleson LLP, and respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order pooling all interests in a 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of the Eastern Hills 4-65 17-18 1DH Well (API No. 05-005-07243) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands located in Arapahoe County, Colorado (hereinafter "Application Lands"):

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

Section 17: All

Section 18: All

In support of its application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a Delaware corporation duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant owns leasehold interests and holds the right to operate in the Application Lands.
3. On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97, which established twenty-five (25) 640-acre drilling and spacing units for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, authorized two (2) horizontal wells in each unit, and allowed for the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line; allowed for the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation to be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line; and allowed for the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells within the units to be not less than 920 feet. Order No. 535-97 has since been vacated as it applies to the Application Lands.

4. On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-510, which among other things, approves the request for an order vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-97 for Sections 17 and 18, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M; and establish an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

5. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), seeks an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests, in the Application Lands consisting of the 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for development of the Niobrara Formation, with said order to apply to the Well.

6. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well in the unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

7. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 507.b(2), and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the Well, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530.

8. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Application Lands and the 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Niobrara Formation, including any non-consenting interests therein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in the 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit on the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara Formation.

B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well in the unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the authorized Well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in October 2015, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's request as set forth above.

DATED August 27, 2015.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF HARRIS)

Lance Young, Associate Landman with ConocoPhillips Company, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

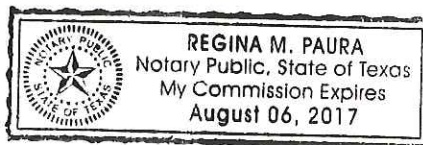
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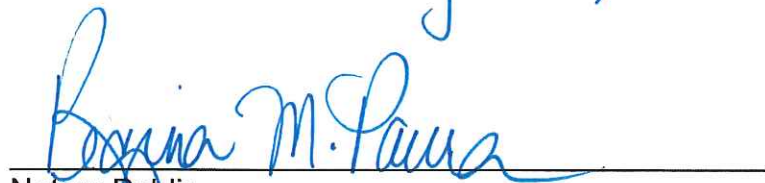
Lance Young
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August 2015, by Lance Young, Associate Landman for ConocoPhillips Company.

Witness my hand and official seal.



My commission expires: August 6, 2017



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