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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)	
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,	)	DOCKET NO. 151000620
UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY,	)	
COLORADO	)	TYPE: SPACING

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 4: All Section 5: All

#### **APPLICATION**

On August 27, 2015, ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
- 2) Vacate an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-519 for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
- 3) Establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
  - 4) Approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit; and
- 5) Require the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception granted by the Director.

## <u>APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS</u> (available online at: <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us">http://cogcc.state.co.us</a>, under "ORDERS")

 On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97, which among other things, approves the request for an order establishing 30 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for lands in Townships 4 and 5 South, Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, including 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Sections 4 and 5 of the Application Lands.

- On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-519, which among other things, approves the request for an order to vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-97 for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and establish and approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-537, which among other things, approves the request for an order to modify Order No. 535-97 to allow for the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation anywhere with the unit for Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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 26, 2015

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801

Denver, CO 80203

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At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than October 9, 2015. 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 12, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

# OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: September 17, 2015

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