

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND |) | CAUSE NO. 535 |
| ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN |) | |
| OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, |) | DOCKET NO. 151000622 |
| UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, |) | |
| COLORADO |) | TYPE: POOLING |

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 17: All
Section 18: All

APPLICATION

On August 27, 2015, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) ("Conoco" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 2) Subject any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the Eastern Hills 4-65 17-18 1DH Well (API No. 05-005-07243).

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- 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.
- 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.

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

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.

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, based on review of the merits of the verified application and supporting exhibits.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: September 16, 2015

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