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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE	)	CAUSE NO. 540
PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF	)	
FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR	)	DOCKET NO. 160100016
THE NIOBRARA AND MANCOS FORMATIONS,	)	
UNNAMED FIELD, MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: SPACING

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: All Section 23: All

#### APPLICATION

On November 23, 2015, SWN Production Company, LLC (Operator No. 10396) ("SWN" or "Applicant") filed a verified amended application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 540-50 for Section 23, Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation
- 2) Establish an approximate 1,290.78-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 3) Approve up to 48 horizontal and eight vertical wells within the unit; and
- 4) Require the productive interval of each well to be located not less than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 5) Applicant states that the wells shall be no more than six multi-well pads within the drilling and spacing unit, without exception being granted by the Director

### APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

• Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Section 22, Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to Rule 318.a. for the Niobrara Formation.

- On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 540-50 which approved an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 23, Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to 24 horizontal and four vertical wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- Om March 2, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 540-51 which pooled all interests within an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 23, Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and subjected the nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Kline 7-91 1-23H Well, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Dates: January 26-27, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801

Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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 January 12, 2016. 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 January 12, 2016. Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By Julie Murphy, Secretary

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