

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NO. 531
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 160300116
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, JACKSON)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: All
Section 21: All

APPLICATION

On January 7, 2016, SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC, Operator No. 10598 ("SandRidge" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 531-2 for Sections 16 and 21, Township 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 2) Vacate Order No. 531-18, but only as to the Application Lands;
- 3) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approve up to sixteen (16) horizontal wells within the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 4) For any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Niobrara Formation, the treated intervals of the wellbore shall be no closer than 300 feet from unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 5) Applicant states that the proposed wells shall be located on no more than three multi-well pads, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 feet or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less

than 1,200 feet from any other producible oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by the Commission upon hearing.

- On July 15, 2008, the Commission entered Order No. 531-2 which, among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for various lands, including Sections 16 and 21, Township 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well, with the option to drill a second horizontal well, within each unit for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On May 18, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-18 which, among other things, modified Order No. 531-2 to allow the productive interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries established by the order; modified Order No. 531-2 to allow the productive interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another horizontal well producing from the Niobrara Formation within the same unit; and approved up to four horizontal wells within each 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-2 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: March 7-8, 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 February 22, 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 February 22, 2016.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: January 28, 2016

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