

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND) CAUSE NO. 531
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN)
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,) DOCKET NO. 160400166
UNNAMED FIELD, JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO)
) TYPE: EXCEPTION
) LOCATION

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 6: Lots 1-7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICATION

On February 18, 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) Modify the setbacks established by Order No. 531-18 such that the productive interval of any permitted well within the approximate 640-acre existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-2 shall be no more than 100 feet from the northern or southern boundaries of the unit for the production of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being 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 an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation and approved the drilling and completion of one horizontal well, with the option to drill a second horizontal well, within the unit for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the initial penetration of the Niobrara Formation and an ultimate bottomhole location no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit.
- 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 boundary for the production of the oil, gas, and

associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; 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; and approved up to four (4) 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.

- On March 7, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 531-24 (Docket No. 160300118) which, among other things, authorized an additional four (4) horizontal wells, for a total of eight (8) horizontal wells, within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-2 for the Application Lands, for production 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:

Date: April 18-19, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Trinidad State Junior College
600 Prospect Street
Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Center
Trinidad, CO 81082

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 April 4, 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 April 4, 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

Dated: March 10th, 2016

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