

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. 161000416  
UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 33: All  
Section 34: All

APPLICATION

On August 25, 2016, Highlands Natural Resources Corporation, Operator No. 10625 ("Highlands" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-612 for Sections 34 and 35, Township 5 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 2) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approve up to one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 3) Require the productive intervals of the wellbore of any permitted wells to be no closer than 600 feet from the eastern, northern and southern boundaries of the unit, no closer than 100 feet from the western boundary of the unit, no closer than 100 feet from the western boundary of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same formation, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then click on "Orders" or "Rules")

- 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 34, Township 5 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.

- On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-612 which established 1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-155 for Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and 2) establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 34 and 35, Township 5 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve up to two horizontal wells within the unit, 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:

Date: October 24-25, 2016  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Northeastern Junior College  
Hayes Student Center Ballroom  
100 College Avenue  
Sterling, CO 80751

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 October 7, 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 October 7, 2016.** 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 14, 2016

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