

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. 161200509  
UNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 6: All

APPLICATION

On October 13, 2016, ConocoPhillips Company ("Conoco" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order:

1) Vacating an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-519 for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

2) Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowing up to one (1) horizontal well in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Niobrara Formation in the unit.

3) Providing that the treated interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to one (1) well pad in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

4) Finding that an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara Formation in Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

5) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

**APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES**

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

- On November 29, 2011, effective October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No., 535-97, which established 25 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands located in Townships 4 and 5 South, Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit, with surface locations being located anywhere within the unit or surrounding lands but the lateral of such well may not enter the Niobrara Formation any closer than 300 feet from the section line, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundary of the unit and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of any other well in the unit producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On August 13, 2014, effective as of July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-519, which vacated two (2) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-97 for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 5 and 6, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approving a total of up to two (2) horizontal wells with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 960 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director, 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: December 12-13, 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 November 28, 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 November 28, 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: November 1, 2016

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