

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. 161200510  
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO )  
 ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 36: All

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 31: 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. 535-531 for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

2) Vacating an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-702 for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

3) Establishing an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and allowing up to one 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.

4) Providing that the treated interval of 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 well pad in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

5) Finding that an approximate 1280-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 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

6) 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 December 16, 2011, effective December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No., 535-101, which granted a well location exception to the requirements of Commission Rule 318.a. for certain lands in Section 19 and 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and production of the oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, providing that the surface location for each horizontal well drilled within a given section of said lands may be located anywhere within the section or on adjoining lands with appropriate surface owner approval, the lateral of a given horizontal well may enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line, the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation may be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line, and the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells within the Application Lands shall not be less than 920 feet.
- On September 22, 2014, effective September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-531, which vacated a well location exception established by Order No. 535-101 for Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established a 1,280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approving a total of up to two (2) horizontal wells within the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, providing that the productive interval of the wellbore shall 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.
- On September 21, 2015, effective September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-702, which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approving a total of up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, providing that the productive interval of the wellbore will be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director, and that ConocoPhillips shall submit a Communitization Agreement to the BLM for any existing wells within 60 days of the entry

of the Order, and that ConocoPhillips shall submit a Communitization Agreement to the BLM at least 90 days before the anticipated date of first production (as defined in the Commission's Rules) from the initial well drilled within the drilling and spacing unit.

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: January 30-31, 2017  
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 13, 2017.** 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 13, 2017.** 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 3, 2016

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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO THE Following interested parties: **Ambrose J. Nunes, I. B. Haviland, Lucile S. Haviland, and All unknown persons who may claim any interest in the subject matter of this action**

You are hereby summoned and may appear and respond to the Application filed with the Commission in this docket. Pursuant to Sections 34-60-101 – 130, C.R.S., ConocoPhillips Company (“Applicant”), filed an Application for an order to: 1) vacate an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-531 for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; 2) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-702 for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; 3) establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit and allowing up to one 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; 4) provide that the treated interval of 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 well pad in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director; 5) find that an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara Formation; and 6) for such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter, for the following Application Lands:

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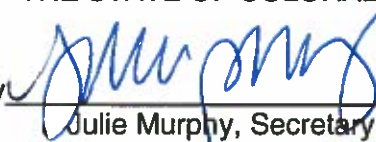
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To oppose the Application, you must file with the Commission Secretary a protest pursuant to Commission Rule 509. You must file your protest on or before **January 27, 2017**. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two copies of the protest shall be filed with the Commission. You must also serve a copy of the protest upon Applicant's attorney, listed below.

If you fail to file a timely protest, the Commission may enter an order affecting your interests in the Application Lands without further notice. This matter may be continued to a future Commission hearing date, but that does not change your protest deadline.

A copy of the Application may be obtained from the Commission Secretary or Applicant's attorney.

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