# 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. 170100079
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 81 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3:

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Section 4:

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Township 8 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M.

Section 27:

All

Section 28:

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Section 33:

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Section 34:

## <u>APPLICATION</u>

On December 1, 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 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-5, for Sections 2 and 3, Township 7 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Frontier Formations:
- 2) Vacate Order No. 531-18, which modified the productive interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation and the productive interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the Niobrara Formation; and
- 3) Establish an approximate 3,840-acre drilling and spacing unit ("DSU") for Sections 3 and 4, and Township 7 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, Township 8 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M. and approve up to 16 horizontal wells with north-south orientation within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive intervals of the wells to be not less than 100 feet from the north and south boundaries of the unit, not less than 300 feet from the east and west boundaries of the unit, and not less 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 "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 October 28, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 531-5, which established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 2 and 3, Township 7 North, Range 81 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to seven horizontal wells, within the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Frontier Formations, with the productive interval of the horizontal wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unite, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 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 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: January 30-31, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 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

Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: December 19, 2016

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