# 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,	j	DOCKET NO. 170300133
WILDCAT FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY,	j	
COLORADO	j	TYPE: POOLING

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## **APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19: All Section 20: All

## **APPLICATION**

On January 19, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) ("COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in the Application Lands underlying an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands; and
- 2) Subject any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Grande 4-65 20-19 3AH Well (API No. Pending) to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

### APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which established 25 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved two horizontal wells in each unit, for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and allowed for the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line.
- On December 16, 2011 the Commission entered Order No. 535-100 which, among other things, approved the request for an order to allow: 1) the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line; 2) the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation to be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line; and 3) the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells shall not be less than 920 feet; for lands in Township 4 South and Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

• On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-686 which, among other things, 1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) vacated Order No. 535-100 as it applies to Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and 3) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 19 and 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells in the 1280-acre drilling and spacing 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:

Dates:

March 20-21, 2017

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

The Larimer County Conference Center at The Ranch

First National Bank Building

5280 Arena Circle Loveland, CO 80538

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 March 6, 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 March 6, 2017. Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: February 3, 2017

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