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. 170500294
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO	j	
·	Ś	TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 32: All Section 33: All

<u>APPLICATION</u>

On or before March 2, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) ("Conoco" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 1,280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., by Order No. 535-531, 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 Sections 32 and 33, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approve up to two horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Niobrara Formation in the unit, with the productive interval any horizontal well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 3) Applicant states that the permitted wells will be located on no more than one well pad within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: http://cogcc.state.co.us, under "Regulation," then select "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. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Niobrara Formation

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- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-531, which, among other things, vacated a well location exception established by Order No. 535-101 for Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., established an approximate 1,280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, and provided 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, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-769 which among other things, vacated 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., vacated 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., established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and Section 31, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the 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:

June 12-13, 2017

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Rio Blanco County Courthouse

455 Main Street Meeker, CO 81641

(You must also check the Commission website to

confirm the location.)

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 May 26, 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 May 29, 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_

Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: March 24, 2017

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

To the following interested parties:

R.L. Fink, a/k/a Robert Lincoln Fink, Virginia Shivly, a/k/a Virginia Shively, Fred Fink, Maud Staats, Olive Parrish, Ward Staats, Cora L. Fink (together "Fink Heirs")

Meredith Wortz a/k/a Meredith Worts

You are hereby summoned and may appear and respond to the Application filed with the Commission in this docket. Pursuant to §§ 34-60-101–130, C.R.S., Conoco's filed an Application for an order to: 1) vacate an approximate 1280-acre unit for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 South Range 64 West, 6th P.M.; 2) establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the below-described Application Lands and approve up to two horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval any horizontal well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director:

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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 **June 6, 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 Conoco' attorney, listed below. If you file a protest, you must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of **June 6, 2017**.

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 Conoco's attorney.

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