

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION ) CAUSE NO. 535  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO )  
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA ) DOCKET NO. 170600307  
FORMATION, 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 23: All

Section 24: All

APPLICATION

On March 24, 2017, as amended April 21, 2017, Bison Exploration, LLC (Operator No. 10646) ("Bison" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-617 for Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
- 2) Establish one approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and approve up to sixteen horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and
- 3) Require the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells in the unit to 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.
- 4) Applicant states that the wells shall be drilled from no more than two wellpads within the unit, or from a legal location on adjacent lands.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- 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. Section 23, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation,

- On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-517 which, among other things, 1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-244 for Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., 2) established an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 24, 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, and 3) approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit with the productive interval of the permitted wells to be no closer than 960 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore within the unit and no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundary, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for 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: June 12-13, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Rio Blanco County Courthouse  
555 Main Street  
Meeker, CO 81641

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 26, 2017.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By

  
Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: May 4, 2017

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