

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. 170600403
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE)	
COUNTY, COLORADO)	TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

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 25: All

Section 26: All

APPLICATION

On April 18, 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) Approve an additional 14 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, within an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands by Order No. 535-664, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and
- 2) Require the productive interval of the wellbore 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, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 3) Applicant states that any horizontal wells to be drilled in the unit will be drilled from no more than two multi-well pads on the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then click on "Orders" or "Rules")

- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 26 of the Application Lands, and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-100 which, among other things, established that: (1) surface locations for each horizontal well may be located anywhere within Section 25 of the Application Lands or on adjoining lands with

consent of the surface owner; (2) the lateral of a given horizontal well may enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line of Section 25 of the Application Lands; (3) the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation may be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line of Section 25 of the Application Lands; and (4) the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells within Section 25 of the Application Lands shall be not less than 920 feet, for the production of oil, gas and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On May 18, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-664 which, among other things: (1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 26 of the Application Lands; (2) vacated Order No. 535-100, as it applies to Section 25 of the Application Lands; (3) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorized up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbores to 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.

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.

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By 
Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

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