

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,) DOCKET NO. 170600406
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 11: All

Section 12: 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 the drilling of 14 horizontal wells, for a total of 16 horizontal wells, in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-459 for the Application Lands.

2) 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.

3) The existing horizontal well Prosper Farms 4-65 11-12 #1H Well (API No. 05-005-07223) underlying portions of the Application Lands was permitted pursuant to the drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-459 and shall remain permitted pursuant to such unit. The Prosper Farms 4-65 11-12 #1H well shall be one of the 16 approved wells for such unit.

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- 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 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 12 of

the Application Lands, and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On January 27, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-459 which, among other things, (1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 12, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., (2) established an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for certain lands in Sections 11 and 12, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and (3) approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-484 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of 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.

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By


Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: May 2, 2017

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