

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 531  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 170900525  
JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO )  
) TYPE: EXCEPTION  
) LOCATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 80 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 1: All  
Section 2: All  
Section 3: All  
Section 4: All  
Section 8: All  
Section 9: All  
Section 10: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 12: All  
Section 13: All  
Section 14: All  
Section 15: All  
Section 16: All  
Section 17: All  
Section 18: All  
Section 19: All  
Section 20: All  
Section 21: All  
Section 22: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 28: All  
Section 29: All  
Section 30: All  
Section 31: All  
Section 32: All  
Section 33: All  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: All

Township 7 North, Range 79 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 30: All  
Section 31: All

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Section 25: All  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: All  
Section 36: All

These lands are referred to as the "Surprise Unit Lands."

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Section 19: Lots 2-4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

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Section 14: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 15: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 22: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 24: All

These lands are referred to as the "Expansion Lands."

Collectively, these lands (the Surprise Unit Lands together with the Expansion Lands) are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands"

APPLICATION

On June 15, 2017, SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC (Operator No. 10598) ("SandRidge" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1. Amend Order No. 531-48 so as to include the Expansion Lands.
2. Modify the setbacks for the Application Lands such that the productive interval of any well within the Application Lands should be no less than 100 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands when measured parallel to the orientation of the wellbore, and no less than 300 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands when measured perpendicular to the orientation of the wellbore, for production of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
3. Modify the setbacks for the Application Lands such that the productive interval of any well within the Surprise Unit (as expanded) should be no less than 100 feet from the from the boundaries of any lease or mineral tract not committed to the Surprise Unit (as expanded) when measured parallel to the orientation of the wellbore, and no less than 300 feet from the from the boundaries of any lease or mineral tract not committed to the Surprise Unit (as expanded) when measured perpendicular to the orientation of the wellbore, for production of the oil, gas, and

associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

**APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES**

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

- On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-20, which modified the setbacks for the Surprise Unit, such that the productive interval of any horizontal well within the Surprise Unit should be no closer than 300 feet from the exterior unit boundaries, for the production of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On May 1, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 531-48, which modified the setbacks for the Surprise Unit, such that 1) the productive interval of any well within the Surprise Unit should be no less than 100 feet from the boundaries of Surprise Unit when measured parallel to the orientation of the wellbore, and no less than 300 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands when measured perpendicular to the orientation of the wellbore, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director, and 2) the productive interval of any well within the Surprise Unit should be no less than 100 feet from the from the boundaries of any lease or mineral tract not committed to the Surprise Unit when measured parallel to the orientation of the wellbore, and no less than 300 feet from the from the boundaries of any lease or mineral tract not committed to the Surprise Unit when measured perpendicular to the orientation of the wellbore, 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:

Date: September 11-12, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Durango Public Library  
Program Room #2  
1900 E 3rd Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

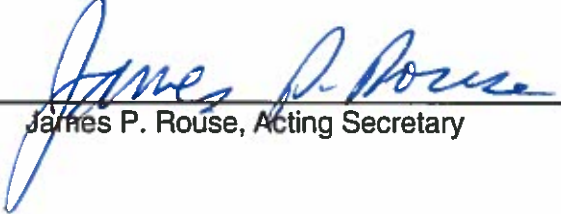
Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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 August 28, 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 August 28, 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   
James P. Rouse, Acting Secretary

Dated: August 7, 2017

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