

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. 170900543  
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, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 19: All  
Section 20: All

APPLICATION

On July 12, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) ("COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Allow up to five wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-686 for Sections 19 and 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- 2) Providing that the surface locations for the additional wells shall be located on no more than two pad locations within the unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 3) Providing that the treated interval of the wellbores shall be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 4) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97, which among other things, approved the request for an order establishing 25 approximate 640 acre drilling and spacing units for lands in Townships 4 and 5 South, and Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Arapahoe County, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 535-686 vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-100, which among other things, approved the request for an order to allow: 1) the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line; 2) the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation to be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line; and 3) the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells shall not be less than 920 feet; for lands in Township 4 South and Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6th P.M. Order No. 535-686 vacated Order No. 535-100 as it applies to Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
- On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-686 which, among other things, (1) vacated approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, (2) vacated Order No. 535-100 as it applies to Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and (3) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approved up to two horizontal wells for the Niobrara Formation, with 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.

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: September 11-12, 2017  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Place: Durango Public Library  
 Program Room #2  
 1900 E 3rd Avenue  
 Durango, CO 81301

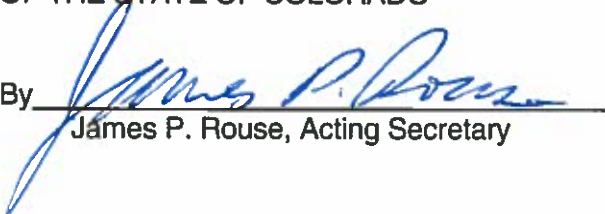
Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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.

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By   
James P. Rouse, Acting Secretary

Dated: July 31, 2017

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