

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 NIOBARA FORMATION,) DOCKET NO. 170900561
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO)
) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 19: All

Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 24: All

APPLICATION

On July 13, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) including its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) ("COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in the Application Lands underlying an approximate 1,304.08-acre drilling and spacing unit pending an Order in Docket No. 170700433 for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and
- 2) Subject any non-consenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Venturers 41-5H well (API No. 05-001-09741) and the Venturers 41-4H well (API No. 05-001-09742) ("Wells").

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. 535-89 which, among other things, established a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 24 of the Application Lands and allowed up to two horizontal wells within the unit, with the lateral of any horizontal well entering the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line, with the treated interval of the wells to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundary of the unit and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of another well in the unit producing from the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-101 which, among

other things, established a well location exception to the requirements of Commission Rule 318.a for any well within Section 19 of the Application Lands with the lateral of any horizontal well entering the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line, with the treated interval of the wells to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundary of the unit, and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of another well in the unit producing from the Niobrara Formation.

- On May 25, 2017, COPC filed an Application in Docket No. 170700433 for an order to (1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-89 for Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, (2) vacate Order No. 535-101 as it applies to Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, (3) establish an approximate 1,304.08-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 19, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve up to two horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and (4) require that the productive interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and approve two well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director. Docket No. 170700433 is scheduled for hearing in July, 2017.

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.

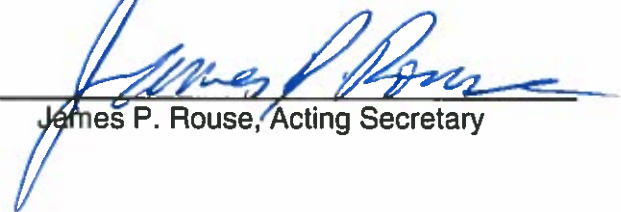
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

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.

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By



James P. Rouse, Acting Secretary

Dated: August 1, 2017

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