# 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. 170900640
JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO	j	
	j	TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

#### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 7 North, Range 81 West, 6th P.M. Section 13: All

### **APPLICATION**

On July 31, 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. Authorize an additional five horizontal wells, for a total of 13 horizontal wells within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-2 for production from the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands, with the treated intervals of the wellbores of any permitted wells to be consistent with Order Nos. 531-21 and 531-41.

## **APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES**

(available online at: <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us">http://cogcc.state.co.us</a>, under "Regulation," then select "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 July 15, 2008 the Commission entered Order No. 531-2, which extended the provisions of Order No. 531-1, which had the effect of establishing various drilling and spacing units for the drilling and completion of one horizontal well, with the option to drill a second horizontal well in each of the drilling and spacing units, with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 North, Ranges 80 and 81 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to Order No. 531-2.

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- On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-21, which 1) modified
  the setbacks for the Subject DSU, and other lands, to allow 300 foot setbacks as to the
  unit boundaries and 150 foot interwell setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and
  associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 2) approved up to four
  horizontal wells within the Subject DSU, and other lands, for the production of oil, gas and
  associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 6, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 531-28, which approved up to four additional horizontal wells, for a total of eight horizontal wells within the Subject DSU, and other lands, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On October 24, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 531-41, which modified Order No. 531-21 so as to allow 100 foot setbacks as to the northern unit boundary of the Subject DSU.

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

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