

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NO. 535
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 171200818
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 14: All

Section 15: E½

APPLICATION

On or before October 12, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) (together, "COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Maintain Order No. 535-252 which pooled all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit;
- 2) Maintain the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-203, for the existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 3) Establish an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 14 and the E½ of Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and allowing up to four (4) new horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Niobrara Formation in the unit;
- 4) Provide that the Krout 14-1H Well (API No. 05-005-07202) be excluded from the proposed 960-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the payment of proceeds;
- 5) Provide 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 productive interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up two new well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

6) Finding that an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.

7) 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")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The E½ of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 16, 2011 (Corrected July 12, 2012), the Commission entered Order No. 535-98, which approved up to two horizontal wells in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit covering all of Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and allowing for surface locations being located anywhere within Section 15 or surrounding lands but the lateral of such well may not enter the Niobrara Formation any closer than 300 feet from the section line, with treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundary of the section and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of any other well in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On October 1, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-203 which, among other things, established two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit, and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-252 which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, established for Section 14, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the

Krout 14-1H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

- On August 29, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 535-738 which vacated Order No. 535-98, established an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Section 16 and the W½ of Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to three horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells in the unit to be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, unless an exception is 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:

Date: December 11-13, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

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 November 27, 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 November 27, 2017, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention.** 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


Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 2, 2017

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