# 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	)	DOCKET NO. 171200877
FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, JACKSON	j	
COUNTY, COLORADO	j	TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

## **AMENDED 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 12: E½
Section 13: E½

#### **APPLICATION**

On October 12, 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 one (1) horizontal well, for a total of nine (9) horizontal wells within the pending drilling and spacing unit to be established by Docket No. 171000760 for production from the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands
- 2) For any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Niobrara Formation, the treated intervals of the wellbores shall not be less than 300 feet from the **southern**, eastern and western unit boundaries and not less than 100 feet from the northern and **southern** boundary, with an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the same formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

## APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us">http://cogcc.state.co.us</a>, under "Regulation," then click on "Orders" or "Rules")

- On July 15, 2008, the Commission entered Order No. 531-2, which, among other things, established approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and authorized one horizontal well in each unit for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 North, Ranges 80 and 81 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., including the Application Lands, with the option to drill a second horizontal well, with a bottom hole location no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On May 18, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-18, which, among other things, modified Order No. 531-2 to allow 300 foot setbacks as to the unit boundaries of the drilling and spacing units established and/or modified by such orders, for the production of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Frontier Formations, modified

various Orders to allow for 150 foot interwell setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, approved up to four horizontal wells within all approximate 480-acre and 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by various Orders for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established four approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 80 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Sections 34, 35 and 36, Township 8 North, Range 81 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve up to four horizontal wells within each unit.

- On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-21, which, among other things, modified Order Nos. 531-2, only as to Section 13 of the Application Lands, to allow 300 foot setbacks as to the unit boundaries, modified Order Nos. 531-2, only as to Section 13 of the Application Lands, to allow for 150 foot interwell setbacks, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 531-2, only as to Section 13 of the Application Lands, for the Application 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, among other things, authorized the drilling of four (4) additional horizontal wells, for a total of eight (8) horizontal wells, in each of two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 531-2 for the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On October 24, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 531-41, which, among other things, modified the setbacks in Order No. 531-21 to provide that the productive intervals of any wellbore shall be no closer than 100 feet from the northern and southern boundaries of the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-2 for the Application Lands, 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:

Dates: January 29-30, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building 1120 S. Lincoln St., Ste. 801

Denver, CO, 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately three (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 January 12, 2018. 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 January 15, 2018, 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

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2017

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