

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 FORT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 180100061  
CARLILE, CODELL AND NIOBRARA )  
FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD ) TYPE: SPACING  
COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 31: All  
Section 32: All

APPLICATION

On November 30, 2017, Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation (Operator No. 10177) ("Enerplus" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1. Vacate Order No. 535-888 and the Order entered in Docket No. 171000721 in their entirety;
2. Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and authorizing the drilling of up to six horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, and up to two horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, to be drilled in a general east/west orientation; and
3. Providing that setbacks for the Application Lands be as follows:
  - a. Any horizontal wells will be drilled from the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, from no more than two surface locations, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
  - b. The wellbores of any horizontal wells may enter the Fort Hayes, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations anywhere within the unit, or on adjacent lands, without exception being granted by the Director.
  - c. The treated intervals of any horizontal wells shall be not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well producing from the same formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

- d. The treated intervals of any horizontal wells shall be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary.

**APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS**

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then click on "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 October 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-888, which established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 29 and 32, Township 8 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; authorized up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hayes, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other well producing within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director; and establishing all wells drilled permitted under the Order shall be drilled from no more than two wellpads within the unit.
- On November 28, 2017, in Docket No. 171000721, the Commission entered an Order which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 30 and 31, Township 8 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., authorized up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hayes, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other well producing within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director; and establishing all wells drilled permitted under the Order shall be drilled from no more than two wellpads within the unit.

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: January 29-30, 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 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 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

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: December 22, 2017

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