# 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	j	
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBARA FORMATION,	j	DOCKET NO. 180300139
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO	j	
	j	TYPE: POOLING

## NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## **APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 28: All Section 29: All

#### **APPLICATION**

On January 16, 2018, 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) Pool all interests in the Application Lands underlying an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation;
- 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 King 3-65 28-29 3AH Well (API No. 05-001-10003); the King 3-65 28-29 3BH Well, the King 3-65 28-29 3CH Well, and the King 3-65 28-29 3DH Well (API Nos. Pending) ("Wells").
- 3) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

#### **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")

- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-89 which, among other things, established 18 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands including the Application Lands, and authorized to drill up to two horizontal wells in each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On April 18, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 535-729 which, among other things, 1) vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-89 for Sections 28 and 29, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

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and, 2) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 28 and 29, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and 3) authorized 460 foot subsurface boundary setbacks and 150 foot interwell setbacks for any approved wells drilled on the Application Lands.

• On November 29, 2017, COPC filed a verified Application for Additional Wells in Docket No. 180100049 pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to approve an additional three horizontal wells, for a total of up to five horizontal wells, in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of any horizontal well to be located 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 to two well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, 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: March 19-20, 2018

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 March 5, 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 March 5, 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: February 2, 2018

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