

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 421  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 180700570  
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, HEREFORD )  
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: EXCEPTION  
 ) LOCATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 11: All

Section 14: All

APPLICATION

On May 31, 2018, HighPoint Operating Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("HighPoint" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Amend Order No. 421-110 to reduce the number of wells from 21 to a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-110 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations;

2) Provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well in the unit shall be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries for the Codell and Carlile Formations; and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore within the unit, and approving a total of four well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director;

3) Find that an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations on the Application Lands.

4) 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")

- On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-28 which, among other things, established 52 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Sections 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, provided that the surface location for any permitted horizontal well shall be located anywhere in the designated drilling and spacing unit, and the treated interval of the wellbore shall be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit without exception being granted by the Director.
- On March 19, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 421-110 which, among other things, 1) vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-28 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 2) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Codell, Fort Hays, Carlile, and Niobrara Formations, and approved up to six new horizontal wells, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Fort Hays, and Carlile Formations, and approved up to 15 new horizontal wells, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, productive interval of any wellbore will 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 within 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: July 30 - August 1, 2018  
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 July 16, 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 July 16, 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  
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By   
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: June 18, 2018

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