

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL TWO HORIZONTAL WELLS, FOR A TOTAL OF UP TO FOUR HORIZONTAL WELLS IN AN APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 22 AND 23, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6TH P.M., UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO, AND TO AUTHORIZE REDUCED SUBSURFACE BOUNDARY AND INTERWELL SETBACKS FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO. 180100____

TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

APPLICATION

ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) (together, "Applicant" or "COPC"), by and through its attorneys, Jost Energy Law, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to authorize an additional two horizontal wells, for a total of up to four horizontal wells in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands described below, and to authorize 460' subsurface boundary setbacks and 150' interwell setbacks for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a Delaware corporation duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. Applicant is an Owner as defined by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act and/or owns leasehold interests or holds the right to drill and operate on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

Township 5 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 22: All

Section 23: All

1,280 acres, more or less, Arapahoe County, Colorado.

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

3. On June 12, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-806 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 22 and 23, Township 5 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to two horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore of each well to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 920 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

4. The records of the Commission reflect that no horizontal wells are currently producing from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.

5. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should authorize an additional two horizontal wells, for a total of up to four 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, and authorize 460 foot subsurface boundary setbacks and 150 foot interwell setbacks for any approved wells drilled on the Application Lands.

6. The above proposed additional wells and reduced subsurface boundary and interwell setbacks will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs. The unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in the unit.

7. The Applicant maintains that there will be no more than two new well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

8. Applicant requests that the productive interval of all proposed horizontal wells in the Application Lands shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit) and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

9. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing on January 29, 2018, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order to:

A. Authorize an additional two horizontal wells, for a total of up to four horizontal wells, in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for

Sections 22 and 23, Township 5 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for production and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

B. Provide that the productive interval of 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 to two well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

C. Find that the authorization of up to four horizontal wells, the authorization of 460 foot subsurface boundary setbacks, and 150 foot interwell setbacks in an approximate 1,280-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.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED this 27th day of November, 2017.

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Reference Map
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Sections 22-23, Township 5 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.



EXHIBIT A
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