

**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  
THREE HORIZONTAL WELLS, FOR A TOTAL  
OF UP TO FIVE HORIZONTAL WELLS IN AN  
APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND  
SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR  
SECTIONS 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH,  
RANGE 65 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., UNNAMED FIELD,  
ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO, 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 three horizontal wells, for a total of up to five horizontal wells in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands described below, 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 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 25: All

Section 26: All

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

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

3. On November 29, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which established twenty-five approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to

two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

4. On December 16, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-100 which, among other things, established that: 1) surface locations for each horizontal well may be located anywhere within Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. or on adjoining lands with appropriate surface owner approval; 2) the lateral of a given horizontal well may enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line; 3) the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation may be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line; and 4) the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells within the Application Lands shall not be less than 920 feet, for the production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

5. On May 18, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-664 which, among other things, 1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; 2) vacated Order No. 535-100 as it applies to Section 25, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.; 3) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 25 and 26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.; 4) approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 5) provided that the productive interval of the wellbores shall be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 960 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director, and that the proposed wells shall be located on no more than eight wellpads within the drilling and spacing unit.

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

7. 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 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, and authorize 150 foot interwell setbacks for any approved wells drilled on the Application Lands.

8. The above proposed additional wells and reduced 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 three horizontal wells, for a total of up to five horizontal wells, in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 25 and 26, Township 4 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 five horizontal wells 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

**ConocoPhillips Company**

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### Affirmation

The matters described herein were all conducted under my direction and control. I hereby swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the matters set forth herein and in the exhibits are true, correct, and accurate.



Jeff Hartman  
Senior Landman  
ConocoPhillips Company

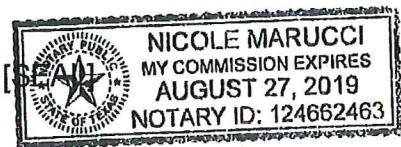
STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HARRIS

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, by Jeff Hartman, Senior Landman for ConocoPhillips Company.

Witness my hand and official seal.



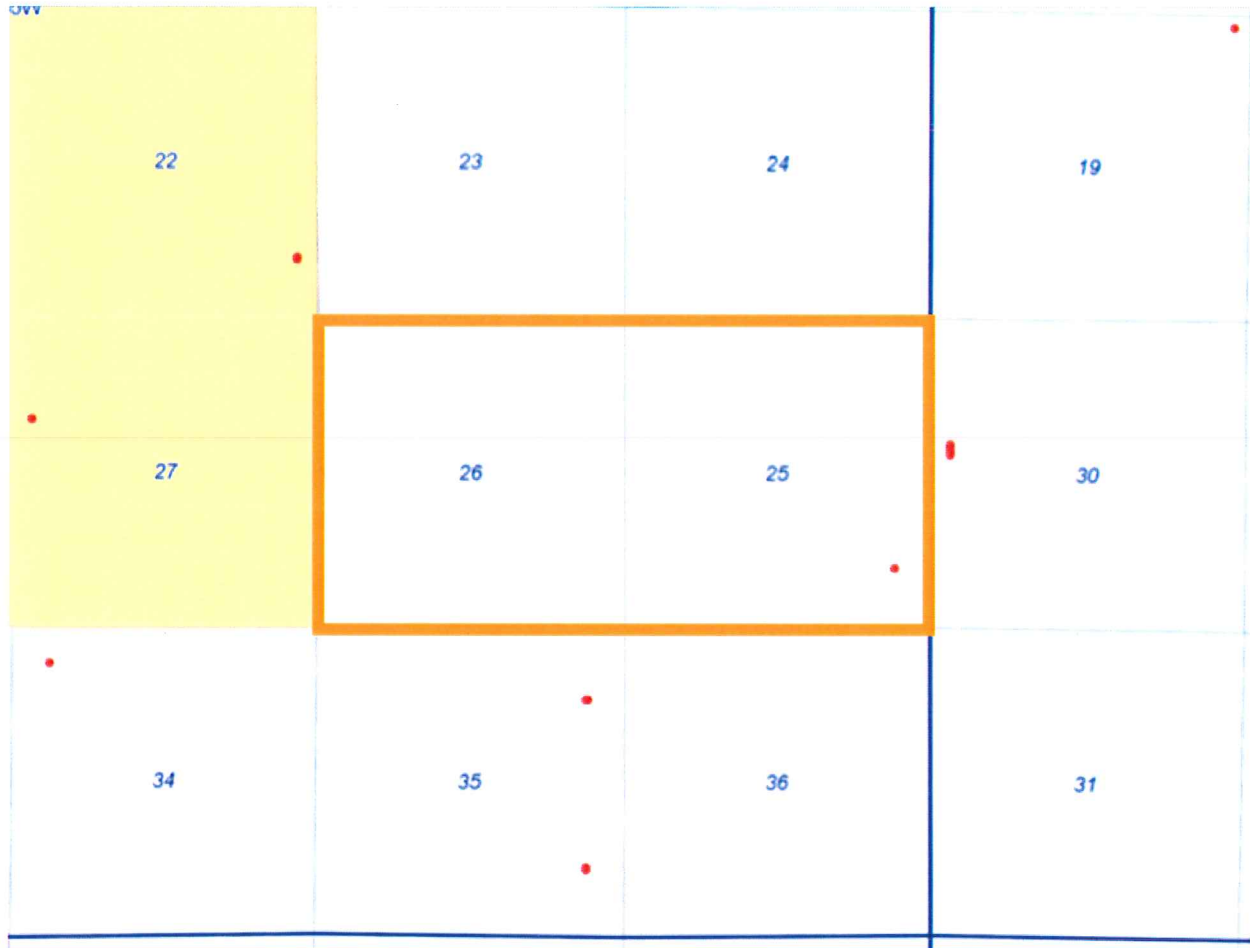
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Notary Public

Reference Map  
ConocoPhillips Company

Sections 25-26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.



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TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**COPC – CHICO – 4-65 25-26**

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