

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 CODELL, FORT HAYS) DOCKET NO. 171000668
AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, HEREFORD FIELD,)
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20: All

Section 29: All

1,280 acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado

APPLICATION

On August 28, 2017, amended September 20, 2017, Fifth Creek Energy Operating Company, LLC ("Fifth Creek" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order:

1. Amending Order No. 421-83 for Sections 20 and 29, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., to allow up to six new horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Fort Hays and Carlile Formations in the established drilling and spacing unit.
2. Providing that the treated interval any horizontal well in the unit shall be no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to a total of five well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
3. Finding that the amendment of Order No. 421-83 for the development of the Codell, Fort Hays and Carlile Formations on the Application Lands, with the requested number of wells and the requested boundary setbacks, will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell, Fort Hays 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")

- 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 February 22, 2010 (corrected January 19, 2012), the Commission entered into Order No. 421-1 which, among other things, established 58 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including the Application Lands, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 421-27 which, among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order 421-1 for Sections 17 and 20, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and established one approximate 1280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 17 and 20, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., approving up to ten wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the bottomhole locations not less than 600 feet from the boundary of the proposed drilling unit and not less than 460 feet from any other well or treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-83 which, among other things, established six approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, providing that the existing 640-acre units for the production of the existing wells shall be maintained only until the date of first completion of the new horizontal well into the unit, and approved up to eight new horizontal wells in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, providing that the productive interval of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and 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, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 11, 2017, the Commission approved Fifth Creek's Application in Docket No. 170900544 (Order No. Pending) which, among other things, approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of 15 horizontal wells, in six established 1,280-acre units, including the Application Lands, and required that the productive interval of each additional proposed horizontal well in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit shall be no closer than 300 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, and providing that the wells will be drilled from no more than five well pads, including the existing wellpads, in each of

the six drilling and spacing units to be located within such unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director, consistent with Order No. 421-83.

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: October 30-31, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: The 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 October 16, 2017.** 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 October 16, 2017, 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.

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By 
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

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