

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,  
UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY,  
COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535  
DOCKET NO. 171000706  
TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 19: All  
Section 20: All

APPLICATION

On August 31, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP (Operator No. 26580) (together, "Applicant" or "COPC"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1. Amend Order No. 535-776 to pool all interests in four additional wells 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; and
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 that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Grande 4-65 20-19 1DH Well (API No. Pending), the Grande 4-65 20-19 1BH Well (API No. Pending), the Grande 4-65 20-19 1CH Well (API No. Pending), and the Grande 4-65 20-19 2AH Well (API No. 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: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation,"  
then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97, which among other things, approved the request for an order establishing 25 approximate 640 acre drilling and spacing units for lands in Townships 4 and 5 South, and Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Arapahoe County, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 535-686 vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit

for Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

- On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-100, which among other things, approved the request for an order to allow: 1) the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line; 2) the treated interval within the Niobrara Formation to be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line; and 3) the distance between the treated interval of Niobrara wells shall not be less than 920 feet; for lands in Township 4 South and Ranges 64 and 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Order No. 535-686 vacated Order No. 535-100 as it applies to Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-686 which, among other things, (1) vacated approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and (3) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approved up to two horizontal wells for the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-776 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 19 and 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to subject all nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the Grande 4-65 20-19 3AH Well (API No. 05-005-07271), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 11, 2017, the Commission approved COPC's Application in Docket No. 170900543 (Order No. Pending) to allow up to five wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-686 for Sections 19 and 20, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., providing that the surface locations for the additional wells shall be located on no more than two pad locations within the unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director, and providing that the treated interval of the wellbores shall be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being 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: October 30-31, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln St. 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 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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By   
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: September 18, 2017

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