

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 535  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 180100047  
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO )  
) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 13: All

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 18: All

APPLICATION

On November 29, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) (together, "COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-89 for Section 18, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- 2) Vacate Order Nos. 535-511 and 535-580 for purposes of confirming the administrative record.
- 3) Establish an approximate 1302-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and to approve up to four new horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
- 4) Require that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit) and all horizontal wells 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.
- 5) Applicant states that the permitted wells will be located on no more than two new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Sections 2 and 3, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.
- On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-89 which established 19 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 18, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order 535-511 which vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-89 for Section 13, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established a 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit and approved two horizontal wells for Sections 13 and 14, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On October 27, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-580 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 14, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, and subjected any nonconsenting 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., were first incurred for the drilling of the Box Elder 3-65 13-14 Well.

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: January 29-30, 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 January 12, 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 January 15, 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  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Sperce Prine, Secretary

Dated: December 18, 2017

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