

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. 180100050  
UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO )  
) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

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 20: All  
Section 21: 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) 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 20 and 21, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

2) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well 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.

3) Applicant states that the permitted wells will be located on no more than two well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

4) Finding that the authorization of up to four 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.

5) 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. 535-89 which established 18 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved two horizontal wells in each unit, for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-533 which, among other things, 1) vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-89 for Sections 20 and 21, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) established an approximate 1280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 20 and 21, Township 3 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., 3) approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 4) 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.

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](mailto: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.

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By   
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: December 18, 2017

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