

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 NIOBARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 180100105  
UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) 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 25: All  
Section 26: All

APPLICATION

On November 30, 2017, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas 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) Pool all interests 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;
- 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 Chico 4-65 26-25 2BH, the Chico 4-65 26-25 2CH, the Chico 4-65 26-25 2DH and the Chico 4-65 26-25 3AH (API Nos. 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 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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, 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 25, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 3) established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 25 and 26, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- On October 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-868 which, among other things, pooled all interests 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 subjected 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 Chico 4-65 25-26 4AH well (API No. 05-005-07251).
- On November 30, 2017, Applicant filed a concurrent verified application in Docket No. 180100085 pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. 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 for production and operation of the Niobrara Formation, and to 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.

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, 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 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.

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By 

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

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