

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, FORT HAYS,) DOCKET NO. 180600473
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, UNNAMED)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 9: All

Section 16: All

Section 21: N½

APPLICATION

On April 5, 2018 (amended May 8, 2018), 8 North, LLC (Operator No. 10575) ("8 North" or "Applicant"), filed a verified amended application ("Application") pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Amend Order No. 535-748 748 to include the Fort Hays and Carlile Formations in an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit previously established for Sections 9, 16 and the N½ of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorize a total of 12 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, with the treated interval of any horizontal well permitted under this Application to be located not less than 300 feet from unit boundaries and not less than 150 feet from any other well producing or drilling from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, without exception being granted by the Director.

2) Limit the drilling of any permitted wells under this Application to no more than four multi-well pads within the drilling and spacing unit, or on adjacent lands with surface owner consent, without exception being granted by the Director.

3) Maintain the allocation of payment of proceeds for the Pawnee 16-13H Well drilled within Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for the production from the Niobrara Formation.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

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

- COGCC Rule 318.a. provides that for any oil or gas well drilled to a common source of supply and drilled to a producing depth at least 2,500 feet below ground surface shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line and not less than 1,200 feet from any other producing or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless

authorized by Commission order upon hearing. Sections 9, 16 and the N½ of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., are subject to this Rule for production of oil and gas from the Codell, Fort Hays and Carlile Formations. The Fort Hays and Carlile Formations are non-target formations, however are included in the proposed drilling and spacing unit at the Commission's request in the event the horizontal wellbore of any permitted well under the approved Application deviates into these formations.

- On June 17, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 535-350 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 13 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of any permitted well located no closer than 600 feet from unit boundaries and an interwell setback no closer than 300 feet.
- On September 16, 2013, the Commission issued Order No. 535-417 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of any permitted well located no closer than 100 feet from unit boundaries and an interwell setback no closer than 200 feet.
- On October 26, 2015, the Commission issued Order No. 535-707 which, among other things, vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-417 for Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 9 and the N½ of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 32 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of any permitted well located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries and an interwell setback of not less than 100 feet.
- On January 26, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 535-720 which, among other things, vacated the approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-707 for Section 9 and the N½ of Section 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 32 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated interval of any permitted well located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries and an interwell setback of not less than 100 feet.
- On October 24, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 535-748 which, among other things, vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-350 for Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation and the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-720 for Sections 9 and 16, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and established an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9, 16 and the N½ of Section 21, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 32 horizontal wells within

the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated interval of any permitted well located no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries and an interwell setback of not less than 100 feet.

- On or about April 9, 2017, Whiting Oil & Gas Corp., Operator No. 96155, was issued an Application for Permit-to-Drill, Form 2, the Wolf 09D-2135 well (API #05-123-44589), a horizontal well under the authority of Order No. 535-748, for production from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. As of the date of the Application, the Wolf 09D-2135 well has not been drilled. Applicant requests that should the Application be approved, the Form 2 for the Wolf 09D-2135 well should be modified to reflect authority under the Commission order for the approved Application, for production from the Codell, Fort Hays, Carlile, and Niobrara Formations.

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 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 three 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 15, 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 October 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
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By 
Julie Spence Prime, Secretary

Dated: September 24, 2018

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