

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO. 421  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN )  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 181200888  
CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, )  
HEREFORD FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 9: All

Section 16: All

APPLICATION

On September 12, 2018, (amended on November 8, 2018), HighPoint Operating Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("HighPoint" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Vacate the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-3 for Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production from the Niobrara Formation.

2) Amend Order Nos. 421-26 and 421-108, which established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 16, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations, to approve a total of 16 horizontal wells within the unit.

3) Provide for 150-foot productive interval setbacks as to the boundaries of the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for production from the Niobrara and Ft. Hays Formations, 300-foot setbacks as to the boundaries of the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for production from the Codell and Carlile Formations, and 150-foot inter-well setbacks from any wellbore within the unit.

4) Authorize up to five well pad locations for the existing and new horizontal wells within the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations underlying the Application Lands.

5) Provide that the Garden Creek #09-16H Well (API No. 05-123-31191), which was drilled on a leasehold basis for the State of Colorado, continue to pay to the State on a lease basis and not be included in the unit comprising the Application Lands.

6) Find that the proposed amendments for the development of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formation on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative

rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formation on the Application Lands.

7) 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")

- 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. Section 33, Township 12 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Section 4, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Codell, Carlile, and Fort Hays Formations.
- On October 21, 2010, the Commission entered Order No. 421-3 which, among other things, established 83 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Sections 9 and 16, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with no more than one horizontal well to be drilled in each unit from a surface location anywhere in the unit with the horizontal leg and bottom-hole location to be not closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of each unit.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 421-26 which, among other things, maintained two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-3 for Sections 9 and 16, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Garden Creek #09-16H Well (API No. 05-123-31191), and established an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 16, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to ten wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 19, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 421-108 which, among other things, amended Order No. 421-26 to: 1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-3 for Section 9, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; 2) include the Codell, Fort Hays, and Carlile Formations; 3) approve up to six new horizontal wells, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Fort Hays and Carlile Formations; 4) approve an additional five horizontal wells for a total of up to 15 horizontal wells, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

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: December 17-18, 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 December 3, 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 December 3, 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 Spence Prihe, Secretary

Dated: November 8, 2018

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