

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. 181200891  
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 19: All  
Section 30: All

APPLICATION

On September 12, 2018, (amended November 7, 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) Amend Order Nos. 421-83 and 421-106, which established a 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 19 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, to approve up to 16 new horizontal wells, for a total of 17 horizontal wells, in the approximate 1,280-acre unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations.
- 2) 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 Fort 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.
- 3) Provide for 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.
- 4) Vacate Order No. 421-92 as it relates to Sections 19 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Niobrara Formation.
- 5) Find that the proposed amendments for the development of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations 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 Formations on the Application Lands.

6) 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 February 22, 2010 (corrected January 19, 2012), the Commission entered Order No. 421-1 which, among other things, established 58 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Sections 19 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 421-32 which, among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-1 and 421-3 for Sections 30 and 31, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established one approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 30 and 31, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., approving up to ten wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the bottomhole locations not less than 600 feet from the boundary of the proposed drilling unit and not less than 460 feet from any other well or treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-83 which, among other things, vacated the approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-32 for Sections 30 and 31, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established six approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units, including Sections 19 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., providing that the existing 640-acre units for the production of the existing wells shall be maintained only until the date of first completion of the new horizontal well into the unit, and approving up to eight new horizontal wells in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, providing that the productive interval of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and 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, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On September 11, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-92 which, among other things, approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of 15 horizontal wells, in six established approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units, including Sections 19 and 30, 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, and required that the productive interval of each additional proposed horizontal well in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit shall be no closer than 300 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, and providing that the wells will be drilled from no more than five well pads, including the existing wellpads,

in each of the six drilling and spacing units to be located within such unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director, consistent with Order No. 421-83.

- On March 19, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 421-106 which, among other things, amended Order No. 421-83 to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit previously established by Order No. 421-83 for Sections 19 and 30, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, and approved up to six new horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile 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: 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 Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 8, 2018

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