

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. 181200895  
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 23: All  
Section 26: All

APPLICATION

On September 12, 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 No. 421-98, which established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 23 and 26, 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 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 four well pad locations for the 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) 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.

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 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 23 and 26, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil and 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. 421-29 which, among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-3 for Sections 26 and 35, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 26 and 35, 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 December 11, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-98 which, among other things, vacated Order No. 421-29, and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 23 and 26, 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 excluded the Garden Creek #16-2314H Well (API No. 05-123-32661) from the unit.
- On January 29, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 421-104 which, among other things, 1) vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-3 for Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and 2) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 14 and 23, Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the Garden Creek #16-2314H Well (API No. 05-123-32661), for the production oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, providing that no additional wells are authorized in the drilling unit, and Applicant will utilize one well pad in the unit for the operation of Garden Creek #16-2314H Well.

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

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