

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 FORMATION,) DOCKET NO. 181200908
UNNAMED FIELD, ARAPAHOE COUNTY,)
COLORADO) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 15: All

Section 16: All

APPLICATION

On October 3, 2018, ConocoPhillips Company (Operator No. 19160) and its wholly owned subsidiary Burlington Resources Oil & Gas LP (Operator No. 26580) (together "COPC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

1) Approve an additional 14 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 15 and 16, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and

2) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 330 feet from the boundaries of 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

3) Applicant states that the permitted wells will be located on no more than two well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and

4) Find that the approval of up to 16 horizontal wells and the reduced boundary setbacks in an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara Formation will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands; and

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 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-97 which established 25 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundary of the unit and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of any other well in the unit producing from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 535-701 vacated the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
- On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-701 which, among other things, (1) vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-97 for Section 15, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., (2) established an approximate 1,280-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 15 and 16, Township 4 South, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved a total of up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, providing that the productive interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception granted by the Director, and providing that the productive interval of the wellbores shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit for Section 6, without exception granted by the Director.
- On October 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-869 which, among other things, pooled all interests in 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 nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the Lone Tree 4-65 15-16 4H_D Well (API No. 05-005-07261) and the Lone Tree 4-65 15-16 3BH Well (API No. 05-005-07262).

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.

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By 
Julie Spence Pine, Secretary

Dated: November 8, 2018

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