

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 ) DOCKET NO. 181200940  
HAYS, CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, )  
HEREFORD 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 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 9: All

Section 16: All

On October 17, 2018, HighPoint Operating Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("HighPoint" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application ("Application") pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Amend Order No. 421-136 to increase the number of wellpads within the approximate 1,280-acre stand-up drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 16, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., from two wellpads to five wellpads, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations;
- 2) Find that increasing the number of wellpads to five will maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formation on the Application Lands.
- 3) 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, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 421-33 which, among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-3 for Sections 4 and 9, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and establish an approximate 1280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 4 and 9, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve up to ten wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the

Niobrara Formation.

- On September 17, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 421-136 which, among other things, 1) vacated an approximate 1280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-33 for Sections 4 and 9, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) established an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up drilling and spacing unit for Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations; and approve up to sixteen (16) new 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, with the productive interval of any horizontal well in the unit to be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries for the Codell and Carlile Formations and 150' inter-well setbacks from any wellbore within the unit, and authorized two wellpads within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations underlying the Application Lands.

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  
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By

  
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 9, 2018

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