

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, FT HAYS, ) DOCKET NO. 181201049  
CODELL AND CARLILE FORMATIONS, UNNAMED )  
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 17: S½  
Section 20: All

On October 18, 2018, Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC (Operator No. 10661) ("Bison" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Pooling all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, and providing that the interests of any owners, with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Hunt 8-60 17A-20-1 (05-123-48035), the Hunt 8-60 17A-20-2 (05-123-48030), and the Hunt 8-60 17A-20-C1 (05-123-48034), be deemed nonconsent by operation of statute, pursuant to Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof; and

2) Providing that any nonconsenting owners within the Application Lands are immune from liability for costs arising from spills, releases, damage, or injury resulting from oil and gas operations on the unit.

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. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.
- On March 8, 2011, as of February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 8, 9, and 10, North, Ranges 58 through 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbores to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

- On March 19, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 535-952, which vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 17 and 20, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, an approved a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit to the Niobrara Formation, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbores located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 165 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless the Director grants an exception.
- On September 17, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 535-1091, which approved an application requesting an order modifying an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-952 for the Application Lands, to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, to approve up to four(4) Codell horizontal wells within the unit, for a total of twenty (20) horizontal wells within the unit, and to establish well location rules such that the treated interval of each wellbore within the unit be located no closer than 300 feet from the northern and southern unit boundary, no closer than 600 feet from the eastern and western unit boundary, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the same source of supply within the unit, unless the Director grants an exception.

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 7, 2018

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