

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, FORT) DOCKET NO. 190100140
HAYES, CODELL, AND CARLILE FORMATIONS,)
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 8 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 14: All

Section 15: All

APPLICATION

On November 27, 2018, Enerplus Resources (USA) Corporation (Operator No. 10177) ("Enerplus" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate Order Nos. 535-34, 535-165, and 535-176 as they apply to the Application Lands.
- 2) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hayes, Codell, and Carlile Formations.
- 3) Approve the drilling of 12 horizontal wells in the proposed unit, to be drilled in a general east/west orientation.
- 4) Require that any horizontal wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Niobrara, Fort Hayes, Codell, and Carlile Formations will be drilled from the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, from no more than two surface locations, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 5) Allow the wellbores of any horizontal wells to be drilled under this Application may enter the Niobrara, Fort Hayes, Codell, and Carlile Formations anywhere within the unit, or on adjacent lands, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 6) Require that the treated intervals of the wellbores to be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the proposed unit, with an inter-well setback no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the same formation.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 feet or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by the Commission upon hearing.
- On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-34 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of up to one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-165 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of up to four horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-176, which, among other things, established 12 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 14, Township 8 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.

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: January 28-29, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

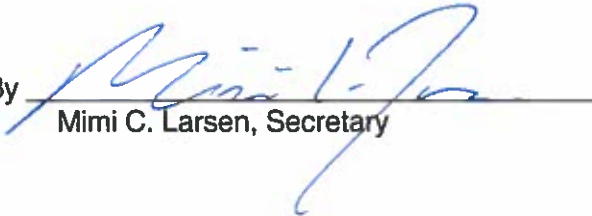
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

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 January 14, 2019.** Please see Commission Rule 509 at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Rules". Please note that, under Commission Rule 506.c., the deadline for protests and interventions will not be continued even if the hearing is continued beyond the date that is stated above. Protests and interventions must be sent to the Applicant at the below address, and must be sent to the Commission via email to: dnr_hearingapplications@state.co.us. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of January 14, 2019, 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 
Mimi C. Larsen, Secretary

Dated: December 19, 2018

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