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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 FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 170900556  
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 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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Section 18: All

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- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-85 which, among other things, established six approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units for DSU #1, DSU #2, DSU #3, DSU #4, DSU #5 and DSU #6, providing that the existing 640-acre units established by Order Nos. 421-1, 421-3 and 421-9 be maintained for the production of the existing wells only until the date of first completion of the new horizontal well into the unit, and approved up to eight new horizontal wells in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, providing that the productive interval of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and 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, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

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: September 11 - 12, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

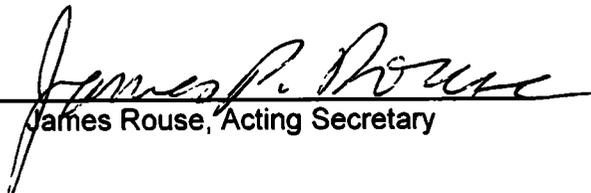
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Program Room #2  
1900 East Third Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By   
James Rouse, Acting Secretary

Dated: July 31, 2017

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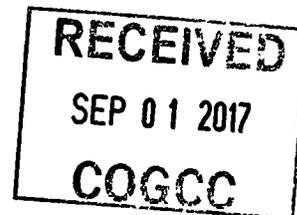
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DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

**CASE NO. 481  
DOCKET NO. 170800566**

**TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, HEREFORD FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

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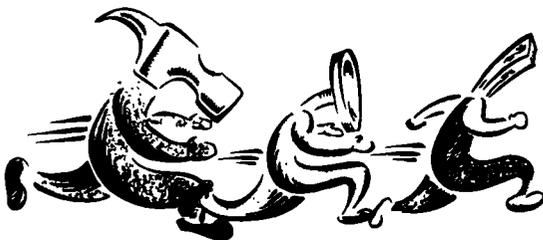
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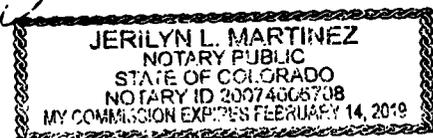
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- On January 13, 2011, the Commission entered into Order No 421-4 which, among other things, established three (3) approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including DSU #3, DSU #4, and DSU #5 on the Application Lands, and approved the drilling of up to two (2) horizontal wells within each unit, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered into Order No 421-9 which, among other things, vacated the three (3) 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 421-4 for certain lands, and reinstated five (5) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including DSU #3, DSU #4, and DSU #5 on the Application Lands, and approved an additional one (1) horizontal well within each unit, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, with all other provisions of Order No. 421-4 not inconsistent with this Order remain in effect.
- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 421-85 which, among other things, established six approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units for DSU #1, DSU #2, DSU #3, DSU #4, DSU #5 and DSU #6, providing that the existing 640-acre units established by Order Nos. 421-1, 421-3 and 421-9 be maintained for the production of the existing wells only until the date of first completion of the new horizontal well into the unit, and approved up to eight new horizontal wells in each approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, providing that the productive interval of each wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit and 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, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

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:

September 11 - 12, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Durango Public Library  
Program Room #2  
1900 East Third Avenue  
Durango, CO 81301

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 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 Humeckl 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 August 28, 2017. 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](mailto: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 August 28, 2017. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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