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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	CAUSE NO. 535
CARRIZO OIL AND GAS, INC., FOR AN ORDER	)	
APPROVING UP TO SIX HORIZONTAL WELLS	)	DOCKET NO. 1301-AW-03
IN EACH OF TEN 640 -ACRE DRILLING AND	)	
SPACING UNITS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS	)	
LOCATED IN TOWNSHIPS 7, 8, AND 9 NORTH,	)	
RANGES 58, 60, 61 AND 62 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M.,	)	
FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED	)	
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

## NOTICE OF HEARING

## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On August 12, 2010, the Commission entered Order No. 535-1 which, among other things, established four 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. The following lands are subject to Order No. 535-1:

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 16: All ("DSU #1")

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 36: All ("DSU #2")

Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 36: All ("DSU #3")

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 26: All ("DSU #4")

On February 22, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-3 which, among other things, established 160 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. The following lands are subject to Order No. 535-3:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 32: All ("DSU #18")

On May 16, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-13 which, among other things, established 11 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. The following lands are subject to Order No. 535-13:

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 17: All ("DSU #5")

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 27: All ("DSU #6")

On June 27, 2011 the Commission issued Order No. 535-41 which, among other things, established nine 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. The following lands are subject to Order No. 535-41:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 9: All ("DSU #17")

On August 8, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-65 which, among other things, established two 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. Order 535-65 supersedes Order No 535-51 which, among other things, established

nine approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for certain lands, and approved one horizontal well within each unit. The following lands are subject to Order 535-65:

> Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. ("DSU #16") Section 4: All

On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-92 which, among other things, established two 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. The following lands are subject to Order No. 535-92:

> Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. Section 14: All ("DSU #13")

On November 2, 2012, Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc. ("Carrizo" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order approving up to six horizontal wells within each of ten approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation:

> Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. ("DSU #1") Section 16: All

> Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. ("DSU #2") Section 36: All

> Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. Section 36: All ("DSU #3")

> Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. Section 26: All ("DSU #4")

> Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 17: All ("DSU #5")

> Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. Section 27: All ("DSU #6")

> Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. ("DSU #13") Section 14: All

> Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 4: ("DSU #16") All

> Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 9: All ("DSU #17")

> Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. Section 32: All ("DSU #18")

Applicant requests the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 600 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: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

> Date: Monday, January 7, 2013 Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 80203

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.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than December 18, 2012, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and 13 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 18, 2012. Pursuant to Rule 503.g., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by December 18, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 18, 2012. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: December 6, 2012

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