## 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 TO	)	
VACATE ORDER NOS. 535-99 AND 535-159,	)	DOCKET NO. 1305-SP-79
VACATE TWO APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING	)	
AND SPACING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY ORDER	)	
NOS. 535-272 AND 535-264, AND ESTABLISH TWO	)	
APPROXIMATE 320 AND 960-ACRE DRILLING AND	)	
SPACING UNITS FOR SECTIONS 27, 28 AND 33,	)	
TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 59 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:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that 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, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. Sections 27, 28 and 33, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. will be subject to Rule 318.a. upon vacating previously entered orders requested by this application.

On December 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-99 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved up to two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On May 29, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-159 which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to accommodate the Nelson Ranches 27-14-10-59 Well (API No. 05-123-35279) ("Well"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-272 which established three approximate 640-acre exploratory 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. Sections 28 and 33, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-264 which approved up to six wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 28 and 33, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 7, 2013 (Amended March 25, 2013), Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Carrizo" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., a

verified amended application ("Amended Application") for an order to: 1) vacate Order Nos. 535-99 and 535-159 which established and pooled all interests in Section 27, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., 2) vacate two approximate 640-acre exploratory drilling and spacing units established by Orders 535-272 and 535-264 for Sections 28 and 33, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and 3) establish two approximate 320 and 960-acre exploratory drilling and spacing units for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 27:

All

Section 28: E1/2 (DSU #1, 960-acres)

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 33:

E1/2

(DSU #2, 640-acres)

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 State Administrative Procedure Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date:

Monday, May 6, 2013

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Weld County Southwest Services Complex

4209 Weld County Road 24 1/2

Longmont, CO 80501

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 April 22, 2013, 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 April 22, 2013. 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 April 22, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning April 22, 2013. 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

By\_

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: April 2, 2013

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