

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BILL) CAUSE NO. 407
BARRETT CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER)
ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING) DOCKET NO. 1211-UP-264
AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 7)
NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE)
NIOBRARA FORMATION, AND POOLING ALL)
INTERESTS WITHIN THE UNIT, FOR THE)
DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE NIOBRARA)
FORMATION, WATTENBERG 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. Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. is presently unspaced with respect to the Niobrara Formation, which is a common source of supply underlying said lands.

On April 27, 1988, the Commission adopted Rule 318A which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, the Commission adopted Rule 318A(l).a.(4)D. which, among other things, requires a horizontal wellbore spacing unit to be designated for each proposed horizontal well located within the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA"). The horizontal wellbore spacing unit may be of different sizes and configurations depending on the lateral length and orientation of the wellbore but is to be comprised of the governmental quarter-quarter sections in which the wellbore lateral penetrates the productive formation as well as any governmental quarter-quarter sections that are located less than 460 feet from the portion of the wellbore lateral that penetrates the productive zone regardless of section or quarter section lines. Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.

On September 17, 2012, Bill Barrett Corporation ("BBC" or Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to: 1) establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and approve 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 located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director; and 2) pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Cass Farms 11-9H Well (API No. 05-123-32689), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: All

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: Thursday, November 15, 2012
Friday, November 16, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

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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 October 31, 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 October 31, 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 **October 31, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning October 31, 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
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By  _____
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: October 9, 2012

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