

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 TO)
APPROVE UP TO EIGHT HORIZONTAL WELLS) DOCKET NO. 1305-AW-19
WITHIN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING)
AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTION)
21, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6TH)
P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,)
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1998, the Commission entered 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, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.

On October 5, 2006, Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company, LLC, completed the Pronghorn 31-21 Well (API No. 05-123-29990) ("Well"), having designated an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. to accommodate the Well, which produces oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Under this Application BBC is not requesting a change to the unit acreage assigned to the Well or the distribution of proceeds from the Well.

On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-4 which, among other things, established 78 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. Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On March 7, 2013, 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 approve up to eight horizontal wells within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established 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 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 250 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 21: All

Applicant requests the existing 160-acre drilling and spacing unit designated for the NE¼ of Section 21, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Pronghorn 31-21 Well for the Niobrara Formation, be maintained and excluded from the proposed 640-acre drilling and spacing unit.

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.

OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By 

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: April 1, 2013

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