

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)
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 1078.30-ACRE) DOCKET NO. 1312-SP-1213
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 1 AND)
2, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 62 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 February 22, 2011 (Corrected April 4, 2013), the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 which, among other things, established 74 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. Sections 1 and 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

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, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. Sections 1 and 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318A for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On October 17, 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: 1) vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for Section 1, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.; and 2) establish an approximate 1078.30-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands") and approve up to sixteen horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 250 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore, located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

- Section 1: Lot 2, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and those portions of Lot 4 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying outside of the Riverside Reservoir right-of-way (approximately 420.74 acres)
- Section 2: All (approximately 657.56 acres)

Applicant states the proposed wells shall be located on no more than eight multi-well pads within the unit, with no more than one multi-well pad per quarter quarter section, subject to Rule 318A, or on adjacent lands with surface owner consent.

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 Procedures 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, December 16, 2013
Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.


Place: Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center
1300 Broadway, 1st Floor, Room 1E
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 2, 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. One electronic (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 December 3, 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 **December 2, 2013, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 3, 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.

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By 
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

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