

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)	
VACATE TWO APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING)	DOCKET NO. 1403-SP-2028
AND SPACING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY 535-4, TO)	
VACATE ORDER NOS. 407-897 AND 407-898 AND)	
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE)	
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 19)	
AND 20, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST,)	
6 TH 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 19 and 20, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On December 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-897 which, among other things, approved an additional 15 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On December 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-898 which, among other things, approved an additional 15 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On January 16, 2014, 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 two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for Sections 19 and 20, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons produced from the Niobrara Formation; 2) vacate Order Nos. 407-897 and 407-898; and 3) establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), and approve a total of up to 16 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 will be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 19: All

Section 20: All

Applicant states that all permitted wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from no more than five multi-well pads on the surface of the drilling unit, subject to Rule 318A, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner.

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, March 17, 2014
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

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 March 3, 2014, 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 March 3, 2014.** 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 **March 3, 2014, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning March 4, 2014.** 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

Dated: February 13th, 2014

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