

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PDC	)	CAUSE NO. 407
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL	)	
INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 400-ACRE	)	DOCKET NO. 1403-UP-79
DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNIT	)	
ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 19 AND 30,	)	
TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M. AND	)	
SECTIONS 24 AND 25, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE	)	
65 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> 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 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Sections 19 and 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 24 and 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On June 11, 2009, the Commission entered Order No. 407-332 which, among other things, established three approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing units for certain lands located in Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said units, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 14, 2009, the Commission entered Order No. 407-334 which, among other things, established a wellbore spacing unit consisting of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On August 18, 2009, the Commission entered Order No. 407-335 which, among other things, established two approximate 160-acre wellbore spacing units for certain lands located in Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and to pool all nonconsenting interests in said units, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 232-278 which, among other things, pooled all nonconsenting interests in a designated approximate 160-acre wellbore

spacing unit for certain lands located in Sections 25 and 26, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Geib 41-26 Well (API No. 05-123-32111), for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and J-Sand Formations. Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 232-284 which, among other things, pooled all nonconsenting interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Geib 26-26 Well (API No. 05-123-32114), for the development and operation of the Codell, Niobrara and J-Sand Formations. Sections 24 and 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On April 27, 1988 (As of February 1, 2014), the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. Sections 19 and 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 24 and 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.

On January 16, 2014, PDC Energy, Inc. ("PDC" 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 pool all interests in an approximate 400-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for the below-described lands ("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 §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the LaSalle 25E-202 Well (API No. 05-123-37408) ("Well"), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116(7):

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 19: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 30: NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 24: S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$

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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: February 7, 2014

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