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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 1410-SP-2167
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	
COUNTY COLORADO	)	

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 25: All

#### APPLICATION

On August 28, 2014, Bill Barrett Corporation ("BBC" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Establish an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the E½ of the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;
  - 2) Approve up to eight horizontal wells within the proposed unit;
- 3) Approve an additional seven, for a total of up to eight horizontal wells, for the 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-303 for the  $W^1$ 2 of the Application Lands;
- 4) Require the productive interval of the wellbore to 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; and
- 5) Applicant requests that the proposed wells be drilled from no more than five multi-well pads on the surface of the Application Lands, subject to Rule 318.A.

# APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS (available online at: http://cogcc.state.co.us, under "ORDERS")

- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule.
- On February 22, 2011 (corrected April 4, 2013), Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved one

horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

 On March 25, 2013, Order No. 535-303 vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4and established an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

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, October 27, 2014

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Durango Public Library

1900 E. 3rd Avenue Durango, CO 81301

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.

At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than October 13, 2014. 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 October 13, 2014. Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: September 19, 2014

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