

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ) CAUSE NO.  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO )  
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL- ) DOCKET NO. 150300126  
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, )  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 15: All

Section 16: All

APPLICATION

On December 22, 2014, Great Western Operating Company, LLC (Operator No. 10110) ("Great Western" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and
- 2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., 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 any well to the Codell-Niobrara Formation.

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 19, 1992 (amended August 20, 1993), the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-741 which: 1) vacated the approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 407-87 for Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; 2) established an approximate

640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and 3) approved up to seven horizontal wells within each unit, for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of the horizontal wellbores to be 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, without exception being granted by the Director.

- On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-848, which pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-741 for Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1107, which applied the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7) to any non-consenting owners within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-741 for Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the DeTienne FD 16-022HC Well (API No. 05-123-39630).
- The Application Lands are the subject of a concurrently filed application pending before the Commission and set for hearing at the Commission's April, 2015 hearing, to establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and approve 21 wells within the proposed 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 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, April 13, 2015  
Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln St., Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

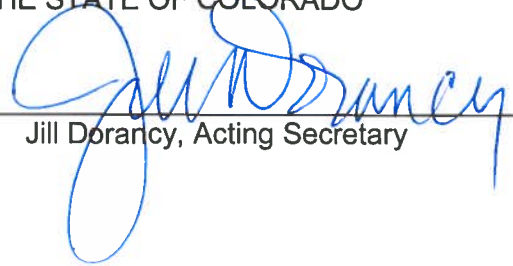
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At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509, no later than March 30, 2015. 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 30, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By



Jill Dorancy, Acting Secretary

Dated: March 6, 2015

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