

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. 150300128
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD,	)	
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: SPACING

AMENDED 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:   **W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$**

Section 16:   All

On December 22, 2014 (Amended April 10, 2015), Great Western Operating Company, LLC ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed a verified application ("Application") with the Commission pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Amend Order No. 407-741 to authorize no more than one horizontal well within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by such order, for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- 2) Establish an approximate **1120**-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation;
- 3) Approve up to 21 horizontal wells within the unit; and
- 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, without exception granted by the Director.

PRIOR 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, 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, 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 May, 2015 hearing, to pool the proposed approximate 1,120-acre drilling and spacing unit composed of the Application Lands and apply the cost recovery provisions C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7) to the wells to be drilled and completed in the unit, effective as of the earlier of the date of such pooling application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of any well to the Codell or Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.

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, May 18, 2015  
Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Aims Community College, Fort Lupton Campus  
260 College Avenue  
Fort Lupton, CO 80621

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 May 4, 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 May 4, 2015.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing, based on review of the merits of the verified application and supporting exhibits.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By



Julie Murphy, Secretary

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