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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	) CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	)
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL	) DOCKET NO. 150700436
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,	)
COLORADO	) TYPE: SPACING

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3:

All

Section 10:

All

## **APPLICATION**

On May 21, 2015, Caerus WashCo LLC (Operator No. 86610) ("Caerus" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate Commission Order 407-1283 as it applies to Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 61 West;
- 2) Vacate Commission Order 407-374 and 407-743 as they apply to Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and
- 3) Establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations
- 4) Approve up to 28 horizontal wells within the unit, with 24 horizontal wells to be drilled to the Niobrara Formation and four horizontal wells to be drilled to the Codell Formation, with the productive interval of each wellbore located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 100 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director
- 5) Applicant states that the proposed wells will be located on no more than four wellpads within the unit, subject to Rule 318A, 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 July 8, 2010, the Commission entered Order 407-374 which, among other things, established eleven 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands,

including the Application Lands, and approved up to two horizontal wells in each unit, for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order 407-743 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On April 13, 2015 the Commission entered Order 407-1283 which, among other things, amended Order No. 407-374 as it applies to Section 3, Township 6 North, Range 61 West, to include the Codell Formation and approved up to 24 horizontal wells in the Niobrara Formation and four horizontal wells in the Codell Formation within the unit, for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

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, July 20, 2015

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, 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 July 6, 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 July 6, 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

OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: June 8, 2015

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