

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 CODELL AND NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 150900513
FORMATIONS, 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, 6th P.M.

Section 15: W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 16: All

APPLICATION

On July 16, 2015, 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) Apply the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. 34-60-116(7) to additional parties within an approximate 1120-acre drilling and spacing unit.

2) Subject any non-consenting 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 the Simpson FD 16-039HC Well (API No. 05-123-41338), the Simpson FD 16-059HN Well (API No. 05-123-41685), or the Simpson FD 16-062HN Well (API No. 05-123-41684).

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 (amended August 20, 1993), the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, 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, 6th P.M.; 2) established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th 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, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1107 which, among other things, 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, 6th P.M. for the DeTienne FD 16-022HC Well (API No. 05-123-39630).
- On May 18, 2015, the Commission entered 407-1307 which, among other things, established an approximate 1120-acre drilling and spacing unit, and allow up to 21 horizontal wells within the unit, for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1414, which pooled all interests within an approximate 1120-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the Application Lands, for the drilling of the Simpson FD 16-039HC Well (API No. Pending), the Simpson FD 16-059HN Well (API No. Pending), or the Simpson FD 16-062HN Well (API No. Pending), for the development of the Codell and Niobrara 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, September 14, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Western State Colorado University
University Center, South Ballroom
600 North Adams Street
Gunnison, CO 81231

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 August 31, 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 August 31, 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

By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: July 31, 2015

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