

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 CODELL ) DOCKET NO. 160300127  
AND NIOBRARA 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 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 10: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 14: All

APPLICATION

On January 7, 2016, Bill Barrett Corporation, Operator No. 10071 ("BBC" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests within an approximate 1,920-acre unconventional resource unit established by Order No. 407-1457 for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations; 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 the initial wells in the unconventional resource unit.

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, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 (corrected April 4, 2013) which, among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well for each unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-811 and 535-360 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

- On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-822 and 535-382 which, among other things, approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of eight horizontal wells, within the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for said Section 10, and authorized up to four (4) horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.
- On January 27, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-915 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On March 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-943 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for said Sections 11 and 14, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.
- On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1457 which, among other things, maintained the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4, for Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; maintained an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-943 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; maintained Order Nos. 407-811 and 535-360, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake 12-14H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; maintained Order No. 407-915 which pooled all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to accommodate the Dutch Lake #08-10H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by Commission Order.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to §§ 34-60-101 to -130, C.R.S. and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing on:

Dates: March 7-8, 2016  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
 The Chancery Building  
 1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
 Denver, CO 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately 3 days before the hearing.

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 February 22, 2016.** 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 February 22, 2016.** 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

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: January 27, 2016

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