

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, NIOBRARA, ) DOCKET NO. 170100036  
CARLILE AND GREENHORN FORMATIONS, )  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD AND LARIMER ) TYPE: SPACING  
COUNTIES, COLORADO )

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 30: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Weld County, Colorado

Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 25: S $\frac{1}{2}$   
Section 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Larimer County, Colorado

771.229 acres, more or less

APPLICATION

On or before December 1, 2016, Great Western Operating Company, LLC ("Great Western" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order:

- 1) Establishing an approximate 771.229-acre drilling and spacing unit for portions of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and portions of Sections 25 and 26, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approving up to ten (10) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Codell, Niobrara, Carlile and Greenhorn Formations in the unit.
- 2) Allowing Order No. 407-1104 to remain effective until Applicant moves to vacate such order upon the drilling of the first well in the 771.229 acre drilling and spacing unit.
- 3) Providing that the treated interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to two (2) well pads within the unit for all horizontal wells, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 4) Finding that an approximate 771.229-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Codell, Niobrara, Carlile and Greenhorn Formations on the Application

Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in portions of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and portions of Sections 25 and 26, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

5) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

#### APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- 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 and Niobrara Formations, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara, Codell, Carlile and Greenhorn Formations.
- On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-742, as corrected, which, among other things, vacated certain 80-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order no. 407-87 for portions of Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and established two 320-acre and 480-acre drilling and spacing units for portions of Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., approving up to four (4) horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbores to be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-851 which, among other things, established an approximate 480-acre horizontal drilling and spacing unit for portions of Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to twelve (12) horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1104 which, among other things, vacated an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-472 for Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., vacated Order No. 407-851 in its entirety, and modified Order No. 407-742 to reflect a corrected acreage of 450 acres for the drilling and spacing unit

established for Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. The SE/4 of Section 30 of the Application Lands is subject to Order No. 407-1104.

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:

Date: January 30-31, 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 January 13, 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 January 16, 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: December 14, 2016

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