

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE) CAUSE NO. 407
PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF)
FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR) DOCKET NO. 170100061
THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 5: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 8: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICATION

On December 1, 2016, PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in an approximate 240-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and
- 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 Ehrlich 5J-223 well (API No. 05-123-43541) ("Well").

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- 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, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formations, the Codell Formation, and the 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 8, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1182, which among other things, pooled all non-consenting interests in a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. for the LDS B05-25 well (API No. 05-123-34204), from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-1182

is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.

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: January 30–31, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
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, 2017.** 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 13, 2017.** Pursuant to Rule 511, if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

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By 
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: December 14, 2016

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