

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. 170100089  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, LARIMER )  
AND WELD COUNTIES, COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

AMENDED 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

APPLICATION

On December 1, 2016, 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) Pool all interests in the Application Lands underlying an approximate 771.229-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 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. are first incurred for the drilling of the following wells (API Nos. pending) to the Codell or Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands: Raindance FC 26-249HC, Raindance FC 26-272HN, Raindance FC 26-289HN, Raindance FC 26-289HNX, Raindance FC 26-312HC, Raindance FC 26-312HN, Raindance FC 26-329HN, Raindance FC 26-352HNX, Raindance FC 26-369HC, and the Raindance FC 26-369HN.
- 3) 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 underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- 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 and Codell 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 19 and the E½ of Section 30 of the Application Lands are 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:

Dates: **March 20-21, 2017**

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: **The Larimer County Conference Center  
First National Bank Building  
5280 Arena Circle  
Loveland, CO 80538**

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 March 6, 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 March 6, 2017.** 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 13, 2017

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