

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. 170300151
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: All

Section 17: All

APPLICATION

On January 19, 2017, 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 an approximate 1,279.10-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, by Order No. 407-1870, 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. are first incurred for the drilling of a horizontal well within the unit.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://coqcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "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 and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1185 which, among other things, pooled all interests within an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit for Sections 17 and 18, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th

P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Willow Bend LD 18-361HN Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1185 is a wellbore-specific order and will not affect this Application.

- On March 2, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1270 which, among other things, pooled all interests within an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for Sections 17 and 18, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Willow Bend LD 18-361HC Well, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-1270 is a wellbore-specific order and will not affect this Application.
- On April 13, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1296 which, among other things, subjected an additional party to the cost recovery provisions of 34-60-116(7), C.R.S. within an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 17 and 18, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., with all interests in the 320-acre wellbore spacing unit pooled in Order No. 407-1185, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1296 is a wellbore-specific order and will not affect this Application.
- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1870 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,279.10-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and allowed up to twenty-one (21) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the unit.

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 at The Ranch
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
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By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: February 7, 2017

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