

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 NIOBRARA FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 170500244  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 33: All

Section 34: All

APPLICATION

On March 2, 2017, Bill Barrett Corporation ("BBC" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

1) Vacate one approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-779 and 535-4 for Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

2) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and approve up to 16 horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and.

3) Applicant states that the wells permitted under this Order shall be located on no more than three well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.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 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-779 and 535-4 that established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands, among others, and allowed for up to one horizontal well for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation with the treated interval of the

permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the established units.

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: June 12-13, 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Rio Blanco County Courthouse  
555 Main Street  
Meeker, CO 81641

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 May 26, 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 May 26, 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

  
Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: May 3, 2017

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