# 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-CODELL	)	DOCKET NO. 170600347
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 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 32:

S1/2S1/2

Section 33:

S1/2S1/2

Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3:

NW1/4 NW1/4

Section 4:

N1/2N1/2

Section 5:

N1/2N1/2

## <u>APPLICATION</u>

On April 13, 2017 (Amended on May 4, 2017), Bill Barrett Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("BBC" 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 711-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara-Codell Formation; and
- 2) Subject any nonconsenting 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 CVR 5-63-32-6457B2B (API No. 05-123-44254) ("Well").

### 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 January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1869 which, among other things, 1) established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S½ of Sections 32 and 33, Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved four

horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 2) established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S½ of Sections 32 and 33, Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and approved one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-1869 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

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

Peter Gowen, Acting Secretar

Dated: May 4, 2017

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