

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. 170600348  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 13: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 23: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

APPLICATION

On April 13, 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 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 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 Bolin 6-62-13-0164B2B (API No. 05-123-44400) ("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 February 22, 2011 (Corrected April 4, 2013), the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 which, among other things, established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 4, 5 and 6 North, Ranges 61 and 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowed one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 include portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-753 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for

Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the drilling of the Dutch Lake #16-24H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-753 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

- On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-766 & 535-297 which, among other things, approved up to eight horizontal wells within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order Nos. 407-766 & 535-297 contain portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On June 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-796 & 535-337 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake 11-13H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order Nos. 407-796 & 535-337 include portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On June 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-805 and 535-359 which, among other things, pooled all interests in two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Pappenheim 6-62-23-0164BH Well to the Niobrara Formation and the Pappenheim 6-62-23-0164CDH Well to the Codell Formation, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order Nos. 407-805 and 535-359 include portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On June 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-811 & 535-360 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake 12-14H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order Nos. 407-811 & 535-360 contain portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-813 & 535-396 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Order Nos. 407-813 & 535-396 include portions of the Application Lands but do not affect this Application.
- On October 28, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-879 which, among other things, 1) approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of up to eight horizontal wells, within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 2) established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approve one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-879 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

- On March 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-943 which, among other things, 1) maintained two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing wells completed to the Niobrara Formation; 2) vacated Order No. 407-879; 3) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit and approve a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 4) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit and approve a total of up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-943 contains portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.
- On April 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1004 which, among other things, 1) maintained two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for Sections 13 and 24, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for existing oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons produced from the Niobrara Formation; 2) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and 3) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit and approve a total of up to 4 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-1004 includes portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.
- On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1457 which, among other things, 1) maintained the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4, for Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by Commission Order; 2) maintained Order Nos. 407-811 and 535-360, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake 12-14H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by Commission Order; 3) vacated Order Nos. 407-822 and 535-382; 4) maintained Order No. 407-915 which pooled all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake #08-10H, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by Commission Order; 5) maintained an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-943 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by Commission Order; 6) vacated an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-943 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation; and 7) established an approximate 1,920-acre unconventional resource unit for Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-1457 contains portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.

- On June 6, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1701 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 1,920-acre unconventional resource unit established by Order No. 407-1457 for Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and subjected the nonconsenting parties 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 the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. were first incurred for the drilling of the Ruh 6-62-11-0758B2 Well, Ruh 6-62-11-0659A2 Well, Ruh 6-62-11-0659B2 Well, and Ruh 6-62-11-0560A2 Well, for development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-1701 contains portions of the Application Lands but does not affect this Application.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1909 which, among other things, pooled all interests, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests, in portions of Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., in the Niobrara Formation underlying an approximate 480-acre wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Will Trust 6-62-10-6462B2B Well. Order No. 407-1909 contains 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

By  for  
Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

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