

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE CODELL) DOCKET NO. 170900562
AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: EXCEPTION LOCATION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3: All
Section 4: All
Section 5: All
Section 6: All
Section 7: All
Section 8: All

Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: All
Section 2: All
Section 11: All
Section 12: All
Section 13: All
Section 14: All

APPLICATION

On July 13, 2017, Bill Barrett Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("BBC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application for an order to:

1. Reduce setbacks to two hundred (200) foot for the exterior boundaries of the following governmental sections subject to a proposed United States Bureau of Land Management federal unit ("Riverside Federal Unit"), effective on the date the Riverside Federal Unit is established, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

2. Applicant states that upon establishment of the Riverside Federal Unit, the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. will be vacated.

3. Applicant also states that upon establishment of the Riverside Federal Unit, the approximate 1026.47-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-902 for portions of Section 1 and all of Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. will be vacated.

4. Applicant also requests 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 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 640-acre drilling and spacing units for up to one horizontal well for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation with the treated interval of such well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the respective 640-acre drilling and spacing unit. Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Order No. 535-4 for the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 16, 2013 (Amended December 15, 2014), the Commission entered Order No. 407-902 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,026.47-acre drilling and spacing unit for up to 16 wells for Section 1: Lot 2, the S½ NW¼, SW¼, SW¼ NE¼ and those portions of Lot 4 and the W½ SE¼ lying outside of the Riverside Reservoir right of way and Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West. Order No. 407-492 applies to portions of Section 1 and all of Section 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. of the Application Lands. The productive interval of the approved wells in Order No. 407-902 is no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries.
- Commission records reflect that there are four horizontal wells producing from the Codell and/or Niobrara Formations in Sections 1 and 2, Township 4 North, Range 62 West (Anschutz State 4-62-2-1721BH2 – API No. 05-123-38961; Anschutz State 4-62-2-3228BH2 – API No. 05-123-38962; Anschutz State 4-62-2-1721CH2 – API No. 05-123-38963; and Anschutz State 4-62-2-3228CH2 – API NO. 05-123-38964) within the 1,026.47-acre drilling and spacing unit established in Order No. 407-902.

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: September 11 - 12, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Durango Public Library
Program Room #2
1900 East Third Avenue
Durango, CO 81301

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 August 28, 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 August 28, 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 
James Rouse, Acting Secretary

Dated: August 2, 2017

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