## 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-NIOBRARA	j	DOCKET NO. 171200838
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	j	
COUNTY, COLORADO	j	TYPE: SPACING

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

## **APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

Section 29: All Section 32: All

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On October 12, 2017, Cub Creek Energy, LLC (Operator No. 10542) ("Cub Creek" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application ("Application") pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1. Vacate Order No. 407-1958, which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorized the drilling of 20 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- 2. Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorizing the drilling of 20 horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, with the treated intervals of any horizontal well permitted under this Application located not less than 460 feet from unit boundaries and not less than 150 feet from any other well producing or drilling from the Codell-Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 3. Requiring any permitted wells drilled under this Application should be located on no more than two multi-well pads within the drilling and spacing unit from Rule 318A. GWA drilling windows, or on adjacent lands with surface owner consent, without exception being granted by the Director.

## APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: http://cogcc.state.co.us, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended March 29, 2000) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation, with the unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section. The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an

additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Codell Formation.

- On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A. which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A. was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- On May 1, 2017, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1958 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorized the drilling of 20 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations (with 14 wells for the Niobrara Formation and 6 wells from the Codell Formation).

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: December 11-13, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building 1120 S. Lincoln St., Ste. 801

Denver, CO, 80203

Additional information about the hearing on this Application will be in the Commission's Agenda, which is posted on the Commission website approximately three (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 November 27, 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 November 27, 2017, if a prehearing conference is requested by the Applicant, or any person who has filed a protest or intervention. 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

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: November 6, 2017

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