# 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 AND NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 171200844
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS	j	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

## NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8:

All

Section 17: All

#### <u>APPLICATION</u>

On October 12, 2017, Great Western Operating Company, LLC ("Great Western" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Approve an additional seven (7) horizontal wells for a total of up to twenty-eight (28) horizontal wells within an approximate 1279.10-acre drilling and spacing unit, established by Order No. 407-1870 for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and
- 2) Require the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit) and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 3) Applicant states that the surface location for the additional wells shall be located on no more than one (1) existing pad location within the unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

### **APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES**

(available online at: <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us">http://cogcc.state.co.us</a>, 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 19, 1992 (amended August 20, 1993), the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the

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provisions of Order No. 407-1.

- On January 30, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1870 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,279.10-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and allowed up to twenty-one (21) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the unit.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1917 which pooled all interests in an approximate 1,279.10-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, by Order No. 407-1870, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation and subjected the nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S.

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:

December 11-13, 2017

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 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 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

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Dated: November 2, 2017

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