

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) DOCKET NO. 180300188
NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD,)
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

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

Section 9: All

Section 10: All

APPLICATION

On January 18, 2018, 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) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order Nos. 535-4 and 407-779 for Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

2) Vacate an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-1215 for Sections 9 and 16, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

3) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 10, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approve the drilling of up to eight horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;

4) Provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to four new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director;

5) Find that the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the Application Lands; and

6) For 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. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- On February 22, 2011 (Corrected April 4, 2013), the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 & 535-4 which, among other things, established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1215 which established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 9 and 16, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approve up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara 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:

Date: March 19-20, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln St. 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 March 5, 2018.** 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 March 5, 2018, 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
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By  _____
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2018

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