# 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 AND CODELL	)	DOCKET NO. 180400312
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD AND	j	
LARIMER COUNTIES, COLORADO	j	TYPE: POOLING

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### APPLICATION LANDS

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 19:

W1/2SW1/4

S1/2

Section 20: Section 29: W1/2NW1/4

Section 30: N½

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

Section 23: SE1/4

Section 24: S1/2

Section 25: N1/2

Section 26: NE1/4

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

On February 28, 2018, Great Western Operating Company, LLC (Operator No. 10110) ("Great Western" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- Subject additional parties to Order No. 407-1899, which pooled all interests in a 1,715.781-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the above-described lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- Providing that the Commission's order subjecting additional parties to Order No. 407-1899 is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in § 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Raindance FC 23-232HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-232HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-249HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-272HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-289HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-289HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-312HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-312HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-329HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-352HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-369HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-369HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-392HNX Well, the Raindance FC 26-009HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-032HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-032HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-049HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-072HNX Well, the Raindance FC 26-089HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-089HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-112HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-112HNX Well, the Raindance FC 26-129HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-152HN Well, and the Raindance FC 26-169HN Well (together, the "Raindance Wells") for the Niobrara or Codell Formations.

- 3) Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of a horizontal well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to § 34-60-116(6) and (7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to any horizontal well drilled to develop the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the drilling and spacing unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 4) For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

## 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 Niobrara and Codell Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1898 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,715.781-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approved up to 25 horizontal wells in the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Codell, Carlile, and Greenhorn Formations in the unit.
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order 407-1899, which pooled all interests within an approximate 1,715.781-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the Raindance FC 23-232HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-232HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-249HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-272HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-289HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-312HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-312HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-399HNX Well, the Raindance FC 23-352HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-369HN Well, the Raindance FC 23-369HC Well, the Raindance FC 23-392HNX Well, the Raindance FC 26-032HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-032HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-049HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-072HNX Well, the Raindance FC 26-089HC Well, the Raindance FC 26-112HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-112HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-112HN Well, the Raindance FC 26-152HN Well, and the Raindance FC 26-169HN Well (together, the "Raindance Wells"), for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

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:

April 30 - May 1, 2018

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

The Chancery Building

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 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 April 16, 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 April 16, 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 OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: March 21, 2018

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