# 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. 180400335
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	j	
COUNTY, COLORADO	Ś	TYPE: POOLING

## 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 9:

All

Section 10:

All

Section 11:

W1/2W1/2

#### Wellbore Spacing Unit Nos. 1 - 8

Postle IC 09-259HN Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-299HN Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-299HNX Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-302HC Well (Codell Formation)

Postle IC 09-302HN Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-342HN Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-342HNX Well (Niobrara Formation)

Postle IC 09-379HC Well (Codell Formation)

#### APPLICATION

On March 1, 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:

- 1) Subject additional parties to Order No. 407-2324, which pooled all interests in eight approximate 1,440-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units established for the above-described Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- 2) Providing that the Commission's order subjecting additional parties to Order No. 407-2324 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 Postle IC 09-259HN Well in WSU No. 1 (API No. 05-123-46038), the Postle IC 09-299HN Well in WSU No. 2 (API No. 05-123-46041), the Postle IC 09-299HNX Well in WSU No. 3 (API No. 05-123-46040), the Postle IC 09-302HC Well in WSU No. 4 (API No. 05-123-46043), the Postle IC 09-302HN Well in WSU No. 5 (API No. 05-123-46044), the Postle IC 09-342HN Well in WSU No. 6 (API No. 05-123-46037), and the

Postle IC 09-379HC Well in WSU No. 8 (API No. 05-123-46042) ("Wells"), for the Niobrara and 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 Wellbore Spacing Units 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 January 29, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2324 which, among other
  things, pooled all interests in eight approximate 1,440-acre designated horizontal wellbore
  spacing units established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of
  the Niobrara and Codell Formations, and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the
  cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of
  the 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 Wells to the Niobrara or 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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