

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. 180400341  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD )  
COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 9: All  
Section 10: All  
Section 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

**Wellbore Spacing Unit Nos. 1 – 16 (1440 acres)**

*Postle IC 09-022HC (Codell Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-059HNX (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-059HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-099HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-099HC (Codell Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-102HNX (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-102HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-142HC (Codell Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-142HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-179HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-179HNX (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-182HC (Codell Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-219HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-222HN (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-222HNX (Niobrara Formation)*  
*Postle IC 09-259HC (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) Pool all interests in 16 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 pooling order 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 09-022HC Well (API No. Pending); Postle IC 09-059HNX Well (API No. Pending); the Postle IC 09-059HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-099HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-099HC Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-102HNX Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-102HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-142HC Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-142HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-179HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-179HNX Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-182HC Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-219HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-222HN Well (API No. Pending), the Postle IC 09-222HNX Well (API No. Pending), and the Postle IC 09-259HC Well (API No. Pending) ("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 designated horizontal 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: <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.
- 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

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Spence Prine, Secretary

Dated: March 23, 2018

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