

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. 180900690  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS )  
COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: ADDITIONAL WELLS

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 5: All

Section 6: E½

APPLICATION

On July 19, 2018 (amended August 8, 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) Approve an additional four horizontal wells, for a total of up to 24 wells within an approximate 906.46-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 5 and the E½ of Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations;

2) Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the northern, southern, and eastern boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit), no closer than 150 feet from the western boundary 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, and providing that the surface location for the additional wells shall be located on no more than one (1) pad location adjacent to the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director;

3) Find that the additional wells and reduced setback for the development of the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands; and

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, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) 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, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On December 12, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1844 which established a 906.46-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, approved up to 20 horizontal wells within the unit, and required that the productive interval of each wellbore shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara or Codell Formations and no closer than 460 feet from a unit boundary.
- On December 12, 2016, the Commission entered an Order No. 407-1845 which pooled all interests in an approximate 906.46-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 Ottesen LE 06-370HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-290HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-210HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-090HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-351HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-290HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-170HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-071HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-330HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-250HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-151HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-071HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-330HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-231HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-130HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-050HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-311HN Well, Ottesen LE 06-231HC Well, Ottesen LE 06-130HC Well, and Ottesen LE 06-031HC Well, 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: September 17-18, 2018  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Garfield County Sheriff's Annex - Rifle  
106 County Road 333-A  
Rifle, Colorado 81650

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 August 31, 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 September 3, 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: August 8, 2018

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