

**BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY,
LLC FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL
INTERESTS IN TWO APPROXIMATE 640-
ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL
WELLBORE SPACING UNITS FOR PORTIONS
OF SECTIONS 20 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 1
NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODELL AND
NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO. 180600____

TYPE: POOLING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Great Western Operating Company, LLC (Operator No. 10110) ("Great Western" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, Jost Energy Law, P.C., and makes this application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order to pool all interests in two approximate 640-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units, as defined below, for the drilling of the DITTMER KE 20-032HC (API No. 05-123-43442) in WSU #1 and the DITTMER KE 20-032HN (API No. 05-123-43456) in WSU #2 ("Wells"), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the following described lands:

Township 1 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 29: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Wellbore Spacing Unit Nos. 1 & 2 (640 acres)

DITTMER KE 20-032HC (CODELL)

DITTMER KE 20-032HN (NIOBRARA)

Hereinafter "Application Lands."

In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant is an "Owner" as defined by the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and owns certain leasehold interests or has the right to operate leasehold interests in the Application Lands.

3. 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 Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

4. 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.

5. On March 19, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2391 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the E½ of Sections 20 and 29, Township 1 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M. and approved eight horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit; and provided that the productive interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing one well pad to be located within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

6. Applicant designated the two approximate 640-acre designated wellbore spacing units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations pursuant to Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.

7. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of §34-60-116(6) and (7), C.R.S., hereby requests an order to pool all interests in the two approximate 640-acre designated wellbore spacing units established for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Wells in the Niobrara and Codell Formations, and to subject 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 this Application, or the date that 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.

8. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 503.e., and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the respective Wells, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 as applicable.

9. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in WSU #1 and WSU #2 should be pooled for the orderly development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, including any non-consenting interests therein.

10. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §§ 34-60-101 et seq., C.R.S., and the Commission Rules.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on June 11, 2018, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in two approximate 640-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units on the below-described Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations:

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Section 29: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

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B. 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 C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of each Well in WSU #1 and WSU #2 for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands.

C. 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, or who have failed to make a timely election to lease or participate, are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant § 34-60-116(6) and (7), to C.R.S. and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to any horizontal well drilled to develop the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the drilling and spacing unit comprising the Application Lands.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

Dated: April 12, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

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