

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN  
OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,  
COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

**APPLICATION**

PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant"), submits this application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order to pool all interests in one approximate 400-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit designated for portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., established for the Harold 6X-232 well (API No. 05-123-45756) for development of and production from the Niobrara Formation.

If you have any questions regarding this application, you may contact Katherine ("Kibby") Wilson, Landman for PDC at (303) 860-5800.

In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the below-listed lands and corresponding wellbore spacing unit:

**Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.**

Section 3: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 4: S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 5: S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 6: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

**Wellbore Spacing Unit**

*Harold 6X-232 well (Niobrara Formation)*

These lands are collectively referred to as the "Application Lands" and the well is referred to as the "Subject Well."

3. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. Applicant designated each of the above described wellbore spacing units for the Subject Wells and notified the appropriate parties pursuant to Rule 318A.

4. On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (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 Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

5. At this time, Applicant has been unable to effect the voluntary pooling of all interest within the Application Lands. Accordingly, Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests in the wellbore spacing unit comprising the Application Lands pursuant to § 34-60-116(6), C.R.S.<sup>1</sup> for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

6. Applicant confirms that it is not currently requesting that the Commission apply the statutory cost recovery provisions against any interested party and therefore, Commission Rule 530 and the cost recovery provisions of § 34-60-116(7), C.R.S. are inapplicable to the requested relief in this Application. Applicant reserves the right to seek an order to apply such provisions to any nonconsenting interest in the future through amendment of this Application or subsequent application.

7. Applicant states that all interests in the Application Lands should be pooled for the orderly development of the Niobrara Formation, will prevent waste, and will protect the interested parties' correlative rights.

8. 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.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in the wellbore spacing units comprising the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation pursuant to § 34-60-116(6), C.R.S.

B. For any other findings and orders the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> In the absence of voluntary pooling, the commission, upon the application of any interested person, may enter an order pooling all interests in the drilling unit for the development and operation thereof. C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6).

Dated October 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

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