

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION) CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 170500229
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 23: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Wellbore Spacing Unit ("WSU") Nos. 1 thru 2– 720-acres

Elbert 5N well (Niobrara Formation)

Elbert 6N well (Niobrara Formation)

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

WSU No. 3 – 640-acres

Elbert 7N well (Niobrara Formation)

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21: N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

WSU No. 4 – 320-acres

Elbert 8N well (Niobrara Formation)

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$

WSU No. 5 thru 7 – 640-acres

Elbert 10N well (Niobrara Formation)

Elbert 11N well (Niobrara Formation)

Elbert 12N well (Niobrara Formation)

APPLICATION

On March 2, 2017, PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S. for an order to:

1) Pool all interests one approximate 320-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit, four approximate 640-acre horizontal wellbore spacing units, and two approximate 720-acre horizontal wellbore spacing units established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and

2) 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 the Application, or the drilling of the Elbert 5N well (API No. 05-123-44321), the Elbert 6N well (API No. 05-123-44322), the Elbert 7N well (API No. 05-123-44327), the Elbert 8N well (API No. 05-123-44323), the Elbert 10N well (API No. 05-123-44324), the Elbert 11N well (API No. 05-123-44405), and the Elbert 12N well (API No. 05-123-44326).

APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

(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 established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

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:

Dates: May 1-2, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, CO 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 17, 2017.** 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 17, 2017.** 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 
Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: March 22, 2017

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