# 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 CODELL AND NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 170700417
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	í	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: POOLING

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### <u>APPLICATION LANDS</u>

Township 1 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 26: W½

## **APPLICATION**

On May 10, 2017, Ward Petroleum Corporation (Operator No. 10359) ("Ward" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- Pool all interests in a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; 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 date that any of the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., were first incurred for the drilling of the Ritchey #26-1-22HC (API No. 05-123-44767), Ritchey #26-1-21HN (API No. 05-123-44742), Ritchey #26-1-20HN (API No. 05-123-44747), or Ritchey #26-1-19HC (API No. 05-123-44745) Wells.

#### **APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS**

(available online at: <a href="http://cogcc.state.co.us">http://cogcc.state.co.us</a>, 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 May 1, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1952, which established a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the W½ of Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to 12 horizontal wells in such unit to the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the producing interval of the wellbores located no closer than 460-feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 150 feet from the productive

interval of any other wellbore located in the unit without exception being granted by the Director of the Commission.

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:

July 24-25, 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's website approximately three 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 this 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 July 10, 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 July 10, 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

Peter Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated: June 9, 2017

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