

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 AND CODELL
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD
COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407
DOCKET NO. 171000743
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 12: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 13: W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 25: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Wellbore Spacing Unit ("WSU") Nos. 1 thru 3 – 800-acres

High Plains 25A-221 Well (Niobrara Formation)
High Plains 25A-241 Well (Niobrara Formation)
High Plains 25A-401 Well (Codell Formation)

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

Section 12: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 13: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 25: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

WSU No. 4 – 400-acres

High Plains 25A-341 Well (Niobrara Formation)

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

Section 11: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 12: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 13: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 14: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 23: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
Section 25: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 26: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

WSU Nos. 5 and 6 – 800-acres

High Plains 25F-221 Well (Niobrara Formation)
High Plains 25F-301 Well (Niobrara Formation)

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

Section 13: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 24: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 25: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

WSU Nos. 7 and 8 – 480-acres

High Plains 25N-241 Well (Niobrara Formation)

High Plains 25N-301 Well (Niobrara Formation)

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

Section 12: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 13: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 24: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 25: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

WSU No. 9 – 400-acres

High Plains 25A-321 Well (Niobrara Formation)

APPLICATION

On August 31, 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 in two approximate 400-acre, two approximate 480-acre, and five approximate 800-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations; and

2. Subject any non-consenting 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., are first incurred for the drilling of the High Plains 25A-221 Well (API No. 05-123-44975), the High Plains 25A-241 Well (API No. 05-123-44974), the High Plains 25A-401 Well (API No. 05-123-44971), the High Plains 25A-341 Well (API No. 05-123-44976), the High Plains 25F-221 Well (API No. 05-123-44977), the High Plains 25F-301 Well (API No. 05-123-44970), the High Plains 25N-241 Well (API No. 05-123-44973), the High Plains 25N-301 Well (API No. 05-123-44972), and the High Plains 25A-321 Well (API No. 05-123-44978) (“Wells”).

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 (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:

Date: October 30-31, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln St. 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 October 16, 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 October 16, 2017, 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: September 21, 2017

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