

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 CODELL AND NIOBRARA  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD  
COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407  
DOCKET NO. 180100072  
TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 24: All  
Section 25: All

APPLICATION

On November 30, 2017, Bill Barrett Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("BBC" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order:

1. Vacating Order No. 407-659.
2. Establishing an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 24 and 25, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado and approve up to 8 horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and operate the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.
3. Providing that the treated interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and authorizing up to four new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
4. Finding that the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the Application Lands.
5. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

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, which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells. The lands encompassing the Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A for wells drilled and producing in the Codell and Niobrara Formations and are also subject to 460' subsurface setbacks.
- On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-659 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the planned Anschutz Spring Lake #16-24H Well, a horizontal well, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the proposed unit.

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: January 29-30, 2018  
 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 January 12, 2018.** 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 January 15, 2018, 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: December 19, 2017

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