

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 NIOBRARA AND CODELL) DOCKET NO. 180700524
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

Section 32: All

Section 33: All

APPLICATION

On May 16, 2018, Great Western Operating Company, LLC (Operator No. 10110) ("Great Western" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Vacate an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-2055 for Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and
- 2) Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 32 and 33, Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit, and approve up to twenty-four (24) horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and
- 3) Provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well within the unit, and authorize one (1) wellpad within the unit or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director; and
- 4) Find that an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands; and
- 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, 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, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On June 12, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2055 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 32, Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to 24 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, providing that the productive interval of the wellbores will be located no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless the Director grants an exception, and providing that all wells permitted under the Order shall be drilled from no more than two multi-well pads within the Application Lands or on lands adjacent thereto, subject to Rule 318A, unless the Director grants an exception.
- On July 24, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2110 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, Township 1 South, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., and subjected all nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the PC South 1S-66-2928-20NH Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-2110 is wellbore-specific and does not affect this Application.

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 30 - August 1, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.


Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 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 July 16, 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 July 16, 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: June 20, 2018

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