

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. 181000778
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, ADAMS)
COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: All

Section 24: All

APPLICATION

On August 30, 2018, corrected September 24, 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) Subject additional parties to Order No. 407-2472, which pooled all interests in a 1,280 drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 13 and 24, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations; and
- 2) Subject all nonconsenting parties, and any party failing to fulfill its election, to the cost recovery provisions of § 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of this 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 a horizontal well in the drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands to the Codell or Niobrara Formations; and
- 3) 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, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) 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, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1037, which established a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and authorized the drilling of 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.
- On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1078, which pooled the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 24, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from horizontal wells to the Codell and Niobrara Formations, to accommodate the Sharp #24-3-11HC Well (API No. 05-001-09801) and the Sharp #24-3-9HC Well (API No. 05-001-09802).
- On March 20, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1905 which, among other things, (1) amended Order Nos. 407-1037 and 407-1078 to provide that they are applicable only to the Sharp #24-3-11 HC Well (API No. 05-001-09801), that no further wells shall be drilled in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit created and pooled by Order Nos. 407-1037 and 407-1078, that the Sharp #24-3-11 HC Well shall continue to pay to the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit created and pooled by Order Nos. 407-1037 and 407-1078, and that upon the plugging and abandonment of the Sharp #24-3-11 HC Well, Order Nos. 407-1037 and 407-1078 shall be deemed vacated; and (2) established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 13 and 24, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and approved total of up to 23 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, with the productive interval of the wellbore to 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 located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- On June 11, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2472 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations, 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)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Schaefer 2413-3-15HN Well (API No. 05-001-09860).

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 29-30, 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 October 15, 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 October 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: September 24, 2018

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