

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 FORMATION, ) DOCKET NO. 181000782  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, )  
COLORADO ) TYPE: POOLING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 5: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 6: S $\frac{1}{2}$

APPLICATION

On August 30, 2018, 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 an approximate 400-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; 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 Judy 6X-314 Well (API No. 05-123-45741) ("Well").

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. Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. The W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.
- 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-Niobrara Formations,

the Codell Formation, and the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order 407-1.

- On May 16, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-399, which, among other things, established an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the Lower Latham PC G #12-69HN Well (API No. 05-123-33583) consisting of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 65 West, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. PDC excludes from this Application the Lower Latham PC G #12-69HN Well and asserts that the production and payments from the Lower Latham PC G #12-69HN Well should be maintained under the authority of Order No. 407-399 and other applicable Commission orders and rules.
- On August 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-465, which, among other things, established an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the Schmidt PC C #06-79HN Well (API No. 05-123-34238) consisting of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. PDC excludes from this Application the Schmidt PC C #06-79HN Well and asserts that the production and payments from the Schmidt PC C #06-79HN Well should be maintained under the authority of Order No. 407-465 and other applicable Commission orders and rules.

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 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 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 20, 2018

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