

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 CODELL AND NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 181201001
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 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 15: All

Section 22: N½

APPLICATION

On October 18, 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 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-2053, for Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.;

2) Maintain Order No. 407-1309 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. only for purposes of the payment of proceeds from the Riverdale #15-2-11HC Well (API No. 05-001-09926) to the Codell Formation;

3) Maintain Order No. 407-1811 which pooled all interests within the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., but only for purposes of the payment of proceeds from the horizontal Riverdale #15-2-11HC Well to the Codell Formation;

4) Establish an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 15 and N½ of Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. and approve up to 26 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of the Niobrara and Codell Formations; and

5) Approve reduced productive interval setbacks of not less than 75 feet on the southern boundary line and 460 feet from the northern, eastern and western boundaries of the proposed unit, for the production of oil gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

6) Find that the reduced setbacks on the unit boundaries of the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara and Codell Formations will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands; and

7) 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-Niobrara Formations, the Codell Formation, and the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On July 31, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1309 which: 1) established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations; 2) approve up to 12 horizontal wells within the unit; 3) pool all interests within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Todd Creek Farms #15-2-4HN well and the Todd Creek Farms #15-2-3HC well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- On October 24, 2016, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1811 which pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 15, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formation and to subject all nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the horizontal Riverdale #15-2-11HC Well to the Codell Formation.
- On June 12, 2017, the Commission entered Order 407-2053 which established an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 22, Township 1 South, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., and approve up to 12 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 in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.

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: December 17-18, 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 December 3, 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 December 3, 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.

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By


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