

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. 190100089  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD )  
COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 26: All

Section 35: All

APPLICATION

On November 14, 2018, Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC (Operator No. 10661) ("Bison" or "Applicant"), filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Vacate two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 407-374 for Section 26 and Section 35, Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M; and
- 2) Establish approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approve up to twenty horizontal wells within the unit, with well location rules for the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations; and
- 3) Require that the wells be drilled from no more than two surface facilities located within the unit or at a legal location on adjacent lands, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

APPLICABLE ORDERS AND RULES

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Orders" or "Rules")

- On April 27, 1988, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule, which was amended on August 8, 2011 to, among other things, address the drilling of horizontal wells and requires that a horizontal wellbore spacing unit must include any governmental quarter-quarter section that is located less than 460' from the completed interval of the wellbore lateral. Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of the Greater Wattenberg Area. The Rule does not, however, prohibit the establishment of drilling and spacing units within the Greater Wattenberg Area.
- On July 8, 2010, the Commission entered Order No. 407-374, which established eleven approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships

6 and 7 North, Ranges 60 and 61 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to two optional horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with a bottomhole location and the horizontal leg of any permitted well located no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of 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: January 28-29, 2019  
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 January 14, 2019.** Please see Commission Rule 509 at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "Regulation," then select "Rules". Please note that, under Commission Rule 506.c., the deadline for protests and interventions will not be continued even if the hearing is continued beyond the date that is stated above. Protests and interventions must be sent to the Applicant at the below address, and must be sent to the Commission via email to: [dnr\\_hearingapplications@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_hearingapplications@state.co.us). **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of January 14, 2019, 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 

Mimi C. Larsen, Secretary

Dated: December 19, 2018

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