

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	CAUSE NO. 407
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)	DOCKET NO. 190100123
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)	TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 32: W½

APPLICATION

On November 29, 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) Establish an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and approve up to 4 horizontal wells in the proposed unit, for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations, with the productive interval of any horizontal well permitted under this Application located no less than 150 feet from the North and South unit boundaries, no less than 460 feet from the East and West unit boundaries, drilling with a North-South orientation, and no less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any wellbore within the same unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director;

2) Require that the wells be drilled from no more than one existing surface location within the unit or 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, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. The Application Lands are subject to this rule for the Niobrara and Codell formations.
- 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 Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order 407-1.

- Order No. 407-756, among other things, pooled four wellbore spacing units between 160-320 acres each. Order No. 407-756 shall be maintained and is not affected by this Application and shall further be preserved to allow for any recompletions and continued efficient operation of the wells within the wellbore spacing units of Order No. 407-756. Proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the wells drilled within the proposed drilling and spacing unit consisting of the Application Lands.

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 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 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. **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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