

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. 190100132  
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD )  
COUNTY, COLORADO ) TYPE: SPACING

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 22: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 23: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

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 200-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and approve up to two 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 east and west unit boundaries, no less than 460 feet from the north and south unit boundaries, drilling with an east-west 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 surface location within the unit or on adjacent lands, subject to Rule 318A, 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.

- On May 8, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1971, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 640-acre wellbore spacing unit for the S½ of Section 21, and the S½ of Section 22, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development of the Elbert 10N (API No. 05-123-44324) Well, Elbert 11N (API No. 05-123-44405) Well, and the Elbert 12N (API No. 05-123-44326) Well from the Niobrara formation. Order No. 407-1971 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On May 8, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1972, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the N½S½ of Section 21, and the N½S½ and S½SE¼ of Section 22, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development of the Elbert 9N (API No. 05-123-44325) Well from the Niobrara formation. Order No. 407-1972 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On August 13, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2027, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the E½SE¼ of Section 22, and the S½ of Section 23, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development of the Alles 22D-402 (API No. 05-123-37800) Well from the Codell formation. Order No. 407-2027 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On August 13, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2030, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the SE¼SE¼ of Section 22, and the S½S½ of Section 23, the N½N½ of Section 26, and the NE¼NE¼ of Section 27, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development of the Lofland 22T-402 (API No. 05-123-37811) Well from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-2030 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On August 13, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2031, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the E½SE¼ of Section 22, and the S½ of Section 23, all of Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development of the Lofland 22D-232 (API No. 05-123-37809) Well from the Codell Formation. Order No. 407-2031 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On December 28, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2250, which, among other things, pooled one approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit and three approximate 640-acre wellbore spacing units for the following:

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 21: S½

Section 22: S½

**Wellbore Spacing Unit (“WSU”) No. 1**

Stella 1N Well (Niobrara Formation) (05-123-44954)

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

**WSU No. 2**

Stella 2N Well (Niobrara Formation) (05-123-44956)

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 22: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 27: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 28: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

**WSU Nos. 3 and 4**

Stella 3N Well (Niobrara Formation) (05-123-44957)

Stella 4N Well (Niobrara Formation) (05-123-44955)

Order No. 407-2250 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the above referenced wells.

- On January 10, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2284, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 800-acre wellbore spacing unit for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 21, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 22, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 26, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 27, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, all of Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development of the Geib 26U-304 (API No. 05-123-44863) Well from the Niobrara formation. Order No. 407-2284 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- On August 20, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2519, which, among other things, pooled an approximate 800-acre wellbore spacing unit for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 13, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 14, the E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 23, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 24, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26, all of Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development of the High Plains 25F-221 (API No. 05-123-44977) Well from the Niobrara formation. Order No. 407-2519 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.

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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By

  
Mimi C. Larsen, Secretary

Dated: December 19, 2018

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