

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION OF BILL                | ) |                                  |
| BARRETT CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER                       | ) | CAUSE NO. 407                    |
| ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE                   | ) |                                  |
| DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT, WITH                        | ) | DOCKET NO. <i>To be assigned</i> |
| AUTHORITY TO DRILL ONE HORIZONTAL                      | ) |                                  |
| WELL WITHIN THE UNIT, FOR SECTION 23,                  | ) |                                  |
| TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., | ) |                                  |
| CODELL FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD,                    | ) |                                  |
| WELD COUNTY, COLORADO                                  | ) |                                  |

APPLICATION

Bill Barrett Corporation (“BBC” or “Applicant”), by and through its attorneys, Burleson LLP, respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the “Commission”) for an order establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, with authority to drill one horizontal well within the proposed unit, for Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 23: All

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the “Application Lands.” A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

3. 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 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 Application Lands are subject to this rule for the Codell Formation.

4. Pursuant to §34-60-116(2), C.R.S., Applicant requests the Commission establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorize the drilling of one (1) horizontal well within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.

5. For the Application Lands, the proposed drilling unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by one (1) horizontal well proposed to be drilled under this Application and completed in the Codell Formation, and is necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights.

6. Applicant states that the horizontal well to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from a surface location described by Rule 318A(I).a., or on other lands with consent of the landowner, without exception being granted by the Director.

7. Applicant states that, for the permitted well to be drilled under this Application, the treated intervals of the wellbore should be not less than 460 feet from the proposed unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

8. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the Application Lands) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto. The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within seven days as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

A. Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorizing the drilling one (1) horizontal well within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.

B. Requiring that for the permitted well to be drilled under this Application, the treated intervals of the wellbore should be not less than 460 feet from the proposed unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

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DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

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) ss.

CITY &amp; COUNTY OF DENVER

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Colleen Kennedy, Senior Landman for Bill Barrett Corporation, upon oath deposes and says that she has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

BILL BARRETT CORPORATION

  
Colleen Kennedy

Colleen Kennedy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of March, 2013, by Colleen Kennedy, Senior Landman for Bill Barrett Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

1-15-2017

NANCY R. WEBER  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF COLORADO  
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 15, 2017

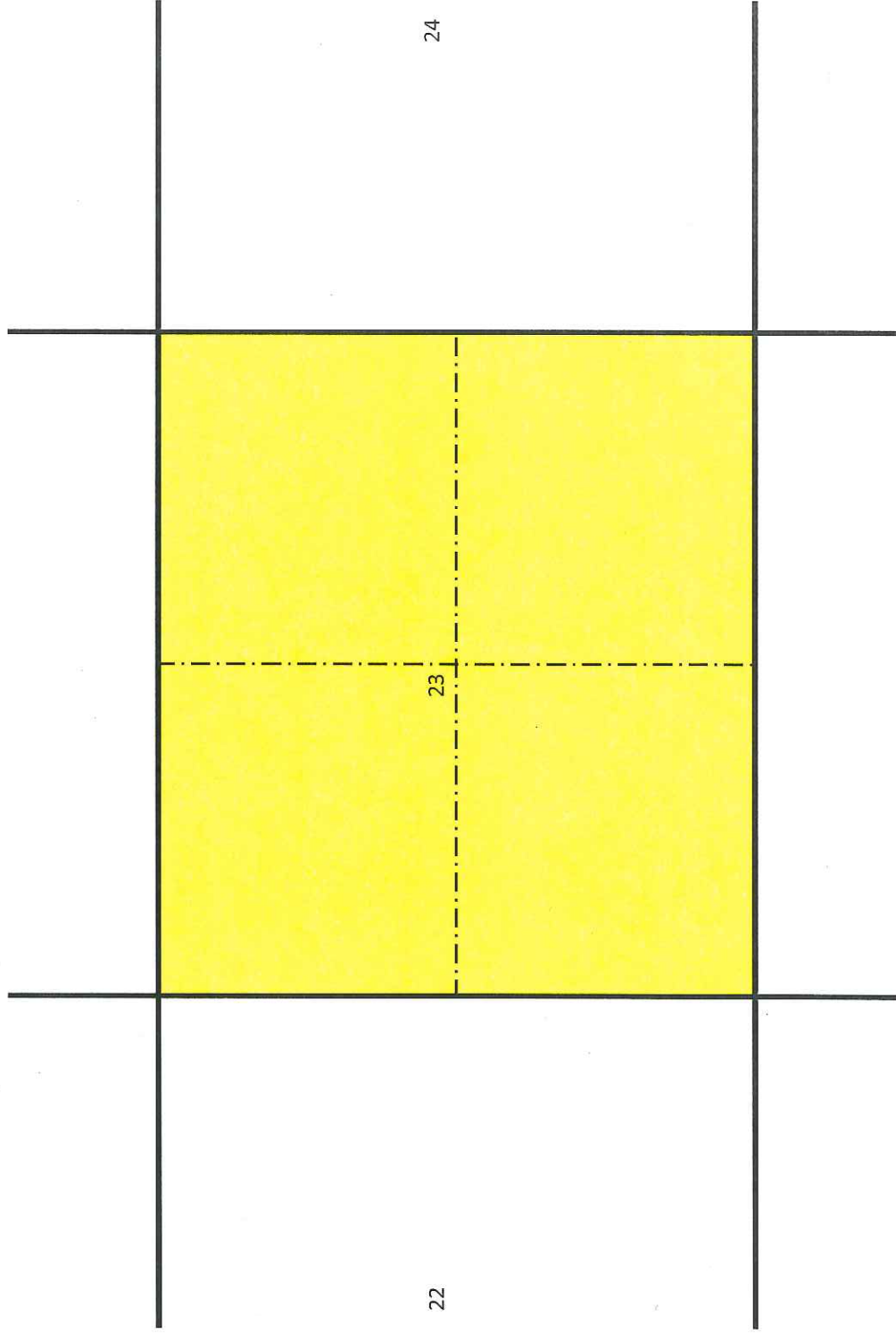
Notary Public

**Exhibit A**  
Application Map

Sec. 23, T6N, R62W  
Weld County



Application lands -



## EXHIBIT B

### INTERESTED PARTIES

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