

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 IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD,)	DOCKET NO. 0506-UP-04
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On November 18, 1985, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000) which established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons for the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including the below-listed lands, with the unit to be designated by the operator upon drilling the first well in the quarter section. The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit.

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 16: SW¹/₄
Section 17: SE¹/₄

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 of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. The above-listed lands were included in this Rule.

On April 15, 2005, Mineral Resources, Inc. (“Mineral Resources”), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to amend Order No. 407-1 to establish 160-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the SW¹/₄ of Section 16 and the SE¹/₄ of Section 17, both in Township 5 North, Range 65 West 6th P.M. for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Cretaceous Age formations including the Dakota, “J” Sand, Codell, Niobrara and Sussex Formations. In addition, the order should pool all interests in the 160-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the SW¹/₄ of Section 16 and the SE¹/₄ of Section 17 for the development and operation of the Dakota, “J” Sand, Codell, Niobrara and Sussex Formations. Mineral Resources intends to drill a planned eleven (11) oil and gas wells directionally from the drill site to explore for and produce oil and gas from bottom hole locations under the lands described above.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date:	Monday, June 6, 2005
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Suite 801, The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, CO 80203

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 Angie Gipson at (303) 894-2100 ext. 113, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than May 16, 2005, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and nine (9) copies shall be filed with the

Commission (Rule 503.f.). Pursuant to Rule 503.e., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by May 16, 2005, **the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of May 16, 2005.**

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By _____
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
1120 Lincoln Street
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