

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 407
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG)	DOCKET NO. 0708-UP-24
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons for the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., 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.

On February 18, 1985, the Commission issued Order No. 407-10, which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons for the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. Said units and permitted well locations shall be in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

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. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A. was amended to, among other things, allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. The NE¼ of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule.

On July 6, 2007, Great Western Oil and Gas Company LLC (“Great Western”), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to establish a 160-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the NE¼ of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., in accordance with Rule 318.a.(4)B., for production from the Codell and Niobrara Formations and to pool all nonconsenting interests in the 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development and operation of said formations. Great Western proposes to drill the Great Western 26-51 Well in the center of the NE¼ of said Section 26. Parties have been offered the option to participate in the drilling of the well in the unit, but to date one or more of such parties have refused to participate by bearing their proportionate shares of the costs and risks of drilling or operating the wells. In addition, attempts have been made to enter into leases with unleased mineral owners but have been unsuccessful to date.

In addition, Great Western requests that the Commission enter an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the 80-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of W½ NE¼ of Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. for production from the Great Western 26-31 and Great Western 26-32 Wells, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

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, August 27, 2007
Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Southwest Weld County Services Complex, South Wing
4209 Weld County Road 24½
Longmont, Colorado 80504

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. 139, 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 August 13, 2007, 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.). **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of August 13, 2007.** Pursuant to Rule 503.f., 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 **August 13, 2007, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of August 13, 2007.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511.b., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

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
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