

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 AN UNNAMED FIELD, WELD) DOCKET NO. 1010-SP-38
COUNTY, COLORADO)

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Section 6, Township 6 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.

Rule 318A.a.(4)C. provides that when completing a Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") well in an unspaced formation, the operator shall designate a drilling and spacing unit not smaller than a governmental quarter-quarter section if the well is to be located no closer than 460 feet to the quarter-quarter section boundary in which it is located. The below-listed lands are within the GWA and are subject to Rule 318A.a.(4)C. for the Niobrara Formation:

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 14: All

On July 8, 2010, the Commission issued Order No. 407-374, which established eleven (11) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and approved the drilling of up to two optional horizontal wells for each unit, with a bottomhole location and the horizontal leg of any permitted well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit:

Township 6 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Section 6: All

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 1 through 3, 10, and 11: All

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 25, 26, and 34 through 36: All

On September 1, 2010, Petroleum Development Corporation (d/b/a PDC Energy, "Applicant"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to amend Order No. 407-374 to add the below-listed lands (which are immediately south of and contiguous to lands included in Order No. 407-374) as a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil and gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and allow up to two optional horizontal wells in such unit, with an initial formation penetration, lateral leg, and bottomhole location of any permitted well to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit:

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 14: All

Weld County, Colorado

Applicant agrees that said wells, absent an exception location request approved by the Director, shall be drilled from a surface location within any of the Greater Wattenberg windows designated by Rule 318A.a.(1) and (2).

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: Thursday, October 21, 2010
Friday, October 22, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: West Garfield Campus, Colorado Mountain College
3695 Airport Road
Rifle, Colorado 81650

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.

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 October 6, 2010, 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 13 copies shall be filed with the Commission. **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of October 11, 2010.** Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 **October 6, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 11, 2010.** In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., 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 _____
Carol Harmon, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801
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Denver, Colorado 80203
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