

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. 1109-SP-113  
WELD 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. Certain lands located in Townships 6 and 7 North, Ranges 61 and 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.

Rule 318A. requires, among other things, that when completing a Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") well to an unspaced formation, the operator shall designate a drilling and spacing unit not smaller than a governmental quarter-quarter section if such well is proposed, to be located greater than 460 feet from the quarter-quarter section boundary of which it is located, and that the surface location for wells drilled from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface shall be located within designated 400 foot and/or 800 foot windows. Certain lands located in Townships 6 and 7 North, Ranges 61 and 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.

On July 21, 2011, Marathon Oil Company ("Marathon" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") for an order to establish sixteen (16) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, and approve one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore for the permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director:

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 27: All

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 4: All

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 10: All  
Section 15: All  
Section 18: All  
Section 31: All

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 2: All  
Section 13: All  
Section 14: All  
Section 22: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 25: All  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: All

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, September 19, 2011  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: City & County of Broomfield  
City & County Building – Council Chambers  
One DesCombes Drive  
Broomfield, CO 80020

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 September 2, 2011, 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 September 6, 2011.** 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 **September 2, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of September 6, 2011.** 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  \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
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