## 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	j )	
OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG FIELD,	)	DOCKET NO. 1112-EX-23
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	Ś	

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A.a., which among other things, designated the following surface drilling locations for wells drilled in the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA") windows, including Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.:

- (1) A square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter-quarter section ("400" window"); and
- (2) A square with sides eight hundred (800) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter section ("800' window").
- (3) Absent a showing of good cause, which shall include the existence of a surface use or other agreement with the surface owner authorizing a surface well location outside of the GWA window, all surface wellsites shall be located within a GWA window.

On February 22, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-4, which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the initial perforation and the ultimate bottomhole location being no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit without exception being granted by the Director.

On October 13, 2011, EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order authorizing an exception surface location for a proposed horizontal well to be drilled and completed from a surface location outside of the GWA window, namely the East Platte #09-12H Well, located 501 feet FSL and 2,370 feet FWL in the SE¼ SW¼ of Section 12, Township 4 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Further, EOG alleges that the surface location will allow the optimum wellbore positioning for the horizontal development of the Niobrara Formation within the established drilling and spacing unit while maintaining the setback from the boundaries of the unit.

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, December 12, 2011

Time:

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Weld County Administration Building

1150 O Street

Greeley, Colorado 80631

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 November 23, 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 beginning November 23, 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 November 23, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning November 23, 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

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OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

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