

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. 1106-UP-17
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., with the drilling and spacing unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section, (or the Director, if the operator fails to designate). The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the drilling and spacing 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 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., with the permitted well locations 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. Rule 318A.a.(4)A. provides that when completing a Greater Wattenberg Area well in a 400 foot window to a spaced formation, the operator shall designate a drilling and spacing unit in accordance with existing spacing orders. Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., is subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On April 26, 2011, Ranchers Exploration Partners LLC ("Ranchers" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") to pool all nonconsenting interests in a designated 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands, wherein Ranchers plans to drill and complete the Retta J #1 Well (API #05-069-06431), located in the SW¼ NW¼ of Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations:

Township 6 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.
Section 24: W½ NW¼

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 27, 2011 Tuesday, June 28, 2011
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Elbert County Fairgrounds Ag Building 95 Ute Avenue Kiowa, CO 80117

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 June 13, 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 June 13, 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 **June 13, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of June 13, 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
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By 
Robert A. Willis, Acting Secretary

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