

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	CAUSE NO. 407
GREAT WESTERN OIL & GAS COMPANY, LLC)	
FOR AN ORDER TO VACATE CERTAIN DRILLING)	
AND SPACING UNITS ESTABLISHED BY ORDER)	DOCKET NO. 1301-SP-17
NO. 407-87, AND ESTABLISH TWO)	
APPROXIMATE 294.78 AND 445.07-ACRE)	
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS, APPROVE UP)	
TO FOUR WELLS WITHIN EACH UNIT LOCATED)	
IN SECTIONS 19 AND 30, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH,)	
RANGE 67 WEST, 6 TH P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA)	
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD)	
COUNTY, COLORADO)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On April 27, 1988, 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 Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

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, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Sections 19 and 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

On November 2, 2012 (Amended November 28, 2012), Great Western Oil & Gas Company, LLC ("Great Western" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified amended application ("Amended Application") for an order to: 1) vacate an approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-87 for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"); and 2) establish two approximate 294.78 and 445.07-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands, and approve up to four horizontal wells within each drilling and spacing unit (for a total of eight), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbores to be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director:

<u>Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.</u>	
Section 30: W½	("DSU #1" – 294.78-acres)

<u>Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.</u>	
Section 19: SE¼	
Section 30: E½	("DSU #2" – 445.07-acres)

Applicant states that all horizontal wells shall be drilled from one surface location located within each of the drilling and spacing units. Applicant has a surface use agreement with the landowner and has consent to drill outside of the Rule 318A(I) drilling windows.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106 C.R.S.; 3) the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, January 7, 2013
 Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
Denver, Colorado 80203

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 December 18, 2012, 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 December 18, 2012.** 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 **December 18, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning December 18, 2012.** 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.

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By



Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: December 17, 2012

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