

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PDC	)	CAUSE NO. 407
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER VACATING FOUR	)	
APPROXIMATE 80-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE	)	DOCKET NO. 1301-UP-22
SPACING UNITS POOLED BY ORDER NO. 407-656,	)	
AND REPOOLING ALL INTERESTS IN FOUR MODIFIED	)	
APPROXIMATE 80-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE	)	
SPACING UNITS LOCATED IN SECTION 10,	)	
TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR	)	
THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS,	)	
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 19, 1983, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1 (amended March 29, 2000) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation, with the unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section. The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the 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. Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell Formation.

On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered 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. Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., is subject to this Order for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

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. Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to Rule 318A for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On June 4, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-656 which, among other things, pooled all interests in four approximate 80-acre standup designated wellbore spacing units to accommodate the Binder 22-10D U Well, Binder 11-10D U Well, Binder 12-10D U Well and the Binder 21-10D U Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Order for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

On November 2, 2012, PDC Energy, Inc. ("PDC" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission pursuant to § 34-60-116 C.R.S., a verified application ("Application") for an order to:

1) vacate four (of five) approximate 80-acre standup designated wellbore spacing units pooled by Order No. 407-656 with respect to the below-described lands:

<u>Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>			
Section 10:	E½ NW¼	(Binder 22-10D U	– WSU #1)
Section 10:	W½ NW¼	(Binder 11-10D U	– WSU #2)
Section 10:	W½ NW¼	(Binder 12-10D U	– WSU #3)
Section 10:	E½ NW¼	(Binder 21-10D U	– WSU #5);

The wellbore spacing unit established by Order 407-656 for the Binder 32-10 D U Well (API No. 05-123-31148) is unaffected by this Application:

<u>Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.</u>		
Section 10:	W½ NE¼	(Binder 32-10D U – WSU #6);

2) repooling all interests in four approximate 80-acre laydown designated wellbore spacing units established for the below-described lands ("Application Lands"), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of each respective well: the Binder 22-10D U Well (API No. 05-123-31149), Binder 11-10D U Well (API No. 05-123-31515), Binder 12-

10D U Well (API No. 05-123-31519) and the Binder 21-10D U Well (API No. 05-123-32494) ("Wells"), and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

<u>Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.</u>			
Section 10:	S½NW¼	(Binder 22-10D U	– WSU #1)
Section 10:	N½NW¼	(Binder 11-10D U	– WSU #2)
Section 10:	S½NW¼	(Binder 12-10D U	– WSU #3)
Section 10:	N½NW¼	(Binder 21-10D U	– WSU #5)

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.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By   
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: December 4, 2012

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