

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 FOR THE NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 1406-UP-181
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICATION LANDS

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 19: All

Section 20: All

APPLICATION

On April 17, 2014, Bill Barrett Corporation ("Bill Barrett Corporation" or "Applicant") filed a verified application pursuant to §34-60-116 C.R.S. for an order to:

- 1) Pool all interests in the approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands, effective as of the date of the Application, for development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and
- 2) Subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116(7), for the drilling of the initial permitted Niobrara well and any subsequent horizontal Niobrara Formation well identified in the Rule 511 testimony.

PRIOR RULES AND ORDERS

(available online at: <http://cogcc.state.co.us>, under "ORDERS")

- On February 22, 2011, Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 (corrected on April 4, 2013) established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well for each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 19 and 20, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 17, 2013, Order Nos. 407-898 approved an additional 15 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On December 17, 2013, Order Nos. 407-897 approved an additional 15 horizontal wells, for a total of up to 16 horizontal wells, within the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup>

P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

- On March 17, 2014, Order Nos. 407-947 vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, and authorized the drilling of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

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 State Administrative Procedures Act at §24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the Commission's Series 500 Rules at 2 CCR 404-1, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, June 16, 2014  
Tuesday, June 17, 2014


Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Rifle Branch Library  
Garfield County Public Library District  
207 East Avenue  
Rifle, CO 81650

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At hearing, the Commission will consider the Application and enter an order pursuant to its authority under the statute. **Any interested party desiring to protest or intervene should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention in accordance with Rule 509., no later than June 2, 2014.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. One electronic (cogcc.hearings\_unit@state.co.us), one original and two 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 2, 2014.** Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing, based on review of the merits of the verified application and supporting exhibits.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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By   
Robert J. Frick, Secretary

Dated: May 12, 2014

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