# 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 CODELL AND NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 150900539
FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	j	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: SPACING

#### SECOND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

### **APPLICATION LANDS**

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

Section 10: All Section 11: All Section 14: All

## AMENDED APPLICATION

On July 16, 2015 (Amended August 5, 2015) Bill Barrett Corporation, Operator No. 10071 ("BBC" or "Applicant") filed a verified amended application pursuant to §34-60-116, C.R.S., for an order to:

- 1) Maintain the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4, for Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by voluntary agreement or by Commission Order;
- 2) Maintain Order Nos. 407-811 and 535-360, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., to accommodate the Dutch Lake 12-14H Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by voluntary agreement or by Commission Order;
- 3) Vacate Order Nos. 407-822 and 535-382 which approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of up to eight horizontal wells, within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation;
- 4) Maintain Order No. 407-915 which pooled all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to accommodate the Dutch Lake #08-10H, for the development and operation of

the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by voluntary agreement or by Commission Order;

- 5) Maintain an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-943 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for existing production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, but only until such time as the unconventional resource unit is pooled by voluntary agreement or by Commission Order;
- 6) Vacate an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-943 for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.
- 7) Establish an approximate 1,920-acre unconventional resource unit for the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations:
  - 8) Approve the appropriate number of wells within the proposed unit;
- 9) Require the productive interval of the wellbores to be no closer than 300 feet from unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director; and
- 10) Provide that all existing horizontal wells drilled and completed within the Application Lands will be included in the proposed unconventional resource unit upon entry of an order pooling all interests in the proposed unconventional resource unit, or upon execution of a voluntary agreement pooling substantially all interests in the proposed unconventional resource unit.
- 11) Applicant states that the proposed wells shall be located on no more than 12 wellpads within the unit.

#### APPLICABLE RULES AND ORDERS

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

- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule.
- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 (corrected April 4, 2013) which, among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Sections 10, 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well for each unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- On June 17, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-811 and 535-360 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-822 and 535-382 which, among other things, approved an additional seven horizontal wells, for a total of eight horizontal wells, within the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10,

Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for said Section 10, and authorized up to four (4) horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation.

- On January 27, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-915 which, among other things, pooled all interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.
- On March 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-943 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11 and 14, Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for said Sections 11 and 14, and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell 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, September 14, 2015

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time:

9:00 a.m.

Place:

Western State Colorado University University Center, South Ballroom

600 North Adams Street

Gunnison, CO 81231

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.

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 August 31, 2015. 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 August 31, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 511., if the matter is uncontested, it may be approved without a hearing.

# OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By\_

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Dated: August 6, 2015

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