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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)
MULL DRILLING COMPANY, INC. FOR AN	)
ORDER VACATING ORDERS 214-1 AND	) Cause No.
214-3 AND APPLYING RULE 318.a. TO	)
SECTIONS 11, 13, 14, 23, AND 24,	) Docket No.
TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 45 WEST	)
AND THE W1/2 OF SECTION 18 AND ALL OF	)
SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH,	)
RANGE 44 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M. IN THE GOLDEN	)
SPIKE FIELD, IN CHEYENNE COUNTY,	)
COLORADO	ý
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#### <u>APPLICATION</u>

Mull Drilling Company, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to vacate Commission Orders 214-1 and 214-3 as applied to the Application Lands, as defined below, for the Mississippian Formation and in lieu thereof apply Commission Rule 318.a. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant owns leasehold interests, or has a right to drill, in the following lands:

Township 16 South, Range 45 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: ALL

Section 13: ALL

Section 14: ALL

Section 23: ALL

Section 24: ALL

Township 16 South, Range 44 West, 6th P.M.

Section 18: W1/2

Section 19: ALL

Cheyenne County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

A reference map is attached hereto.

- 3. On May 20, 1969, the Commission issued Order No. 214-1 which, among other things, established 80 acre approximate drilling and spacing units for the production of oil from the Mississippian Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in the center of the NE/4 and SW/4 of each quarter section, with a tolerance of 150 feet in any direction for topography, surface hazards, or irregularity. The Application Lands are subject to Order No. 214-1.
- 4. On June 27, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 214-3 which removed certain lands from Order No. 214-1, but confirmed that Sections 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 16 South, Range 45 West and Sections 18 and 19 Township 16 South, Range 44 West remained subject to the provisions of Order No. 214-1. Sections 11, 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 16 South, Range 45 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 18 and 19 Township 16 South, Range 44 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to Order No. 213-3.
- 5. Based on engineering, geophysical, and leasehold ownership reasons, Application requests that the Commission vacate the existing 80-acre drilling and spacing units established by Orders 214-1 and 214-3 on the the Application Lands for the development of oil from the Mississippian Formation.
- 6. Applicant further requests that the Commission apply the statewide setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318.a. to the Application Lands. Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.
- 7. Applicant asserts that applying the statewide setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318.a. to the Application Lands is in the best interests of conservation, including accurate production accounting and efficient operation of the wells, is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to assure the greatest recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mississippian formation all in accordance with the Colorado statutes and the Commission rules.
- 8. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

- A. Vacating the existing 80 acre drilling and spacing units on the Application Lands for the Mississippian Formation as established in Orders 214-1 and 214-1.
- B. Apply the statewide setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318.a. to the Application Lands.
- C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 12 day of September, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

MULL DRILLING COMPANY, INC.

By

Jamie L. Jost

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Applicant's Address:

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS	)
COUNTY OF Sedgwick	) ss )

Mark Shreve, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he President/COO of Mull Drilling Company, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Mark Shreve

Mull Drilling Company, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before this Lamber, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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TANNIS L. TRITT MY COMMISSION EXPIRES March 26, 2015

My commission expires:

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# **EXHIBIT A**

### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

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AFFIDAVIT OF	MAILING
STATE OF COLORADO	
)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )	
Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being f declares:	irst duly sworn upon her oath, states and
That she is an attorney for Mull Dril September 2, 2012, she caused a copy of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, address the Application.	e attached Application to be deposited in
	Jamie L. Jost
Subscribed and sworn to before me Sep	tember <u>/7</u> , 2012.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires: Octobes 23	2015.
CAROLYN P. BOULETTE NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF COLORADO	Motary Public

My Comm. Expires October 22, 2015