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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)	CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBERG)	DOCKET NO. <i>To be assigned</i>
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

APPLICATION

Bill Barrett Corporation ("BBC" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Burleson LLP, respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to: (1) establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., and authorize the drilling of up to four (4) horizontal wells within said unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation; and (2) pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit to be established for said Section 9, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.

2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 9: All

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands." A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

Establishment of the Approximate 640-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit

3. The Application Lands are presently unspaced with respect to the Niobrara Formation, which is a common source of supply underlying said lands and, as such, Rule 318.a. applies to said lands and under said rule, wells greater than 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall not be located less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.

4. On August 8, 2011, the Commission adopted Rule 318A(I).a.(4)D., which, among other things, requires a horizontal wellbore spacing unit to be designated for each proposed horizontal well located within the Greater Wattenberg Area ("GWA"). The horizontal wellbore spacing unit may be of different sizes and configurations depending on the lateral length and orientation of the wellbore but is to be comprised of the governmental quarter-quarter sections in which the wellbore lateral penetrates the productive formation as well as any governmental quarter-quarter sections that are located less than 460 feet from the portion of the wellbore lateral that penetrates the productive zone regardless of section or quarter section lines. The Application Lands are subject to this rule for the Niobrara Formation.

5. Applicant requests an order establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and the authority to drill up to four (4) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the proposed unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the proposed unit and completed in the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

6. That in order to promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands, to prevent waste, and to protect correlative rights, the Commission should establish the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit requested herein for the drilling and completion of up to four (4) horizontal wells within the unit. The requested drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by one well.

7. BBC has drilled and completed the Cass Farms #11-9H Well, API #05-123-32689 (the "Well"), an unspaced horizontal well located within Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M. Under this Application, BBC is not requesting a change to the unit acreage assigned to the Well and the current distribution of the proceeds from the Well.

Statutory Pooling of All Interests within the 640-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit

8. Under a separate portion of this Application, Applicant has requested an order establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and the authority to drill up to four (4) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Acting pursuant to the relevant provisions of §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and Rule 530., Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests in the Application Lands (wherein the Applicant has drilled and completed the Cass Farms #11-9H Well, API #05-123-32689, in the Niobrara Formation), for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

9. Applicant requests that the pooling order entered as a result of this Application be made effective as of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of a Niobrara Formation well on the Application Lands, whichever is earlier.

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10. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the Commission rules.

11. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the proposed drilling and spacing unit (for the Applicant's request to space the Application Lands for horizontal well development) and persons who own any interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled, except owners of overriding royalty interest (for the Applicant's request to pool all interests within the spacing unit, once established)) are attached hereto and marked Exhibit B.

The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within the 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. Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorize the drilling of up to four (4) horizontal wells within said unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the proposed unit boundaries and no closer than 1,200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the proposed unit and completed in the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

B. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, once the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit has been established for the Application Lands.

C. Providing that the pooling order is made effective as of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of a Niobrara Formation well on the Application Lands, whichever is earlier.

D. Providing that the interests of any owners, with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the authorized well, are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.

E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Colleen Kennedy, Senior Landman for Bill Barrett Corporation, upon oath deposes and says that she has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

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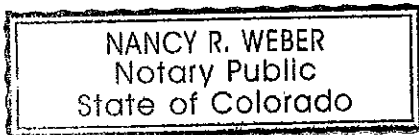
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of September, 2012, by Colleen Kennedy, Senior Landman for Bill Barrett Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 1-15-2013

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Dancy Miller
 Notary Public



My Commission Expires _____

Application Lands - ☐

Sec. 9, T7N, R62W
Weld County

Exhibit A
Application Map

13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17
24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20
25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29
36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5
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EXHIBIT B

INTERESTED PARTIES

The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this Exhibit B.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING


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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)

Jessica Rauh, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares that she caused a copy of the Application (for the spacing of and to pool all interests in Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M., Section 9) in the above-captioned matter to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the interested parties on the attached Exhibit A on this 20th day of September 2012.


Jessica Rauh

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 20th day of September, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.


Notary Public

NANCY R. WEBER
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My commission expires: 1/15/2013

EXHIBIT A

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