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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
GREAT WESTERN OIL & GAS COMPANY,	)	
LLC TO ESTABLISH FIELD RULES TO	)	Cause No.
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE	)	
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODELL-	)	Docket No.
NIOBRARA FORMATIONS FOR CERTAIN	)	
DESCRIBED LANDS IN WELD COUNTY,	)	
COLORADO		

#### APPLICATION

Great Western Oil & Gas Company, LLC ("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: (i) vacate Order No. 407-87 as to the Application Lands (defined below) for the Codell-Niobrara Formations; (ii) establish one (1) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit; and (iii) allow up to seven (7) horizontal wells to be drilled within the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formations underlying the following lands. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant holds certain leasehold interests in the following lands:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 16: All

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

A reference map is attached hereto.

- 3. On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell-Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- 4. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318A, specifically 318A(I)(a)(4)(D). Applicant, however, is utilizing the traditional method of establishing a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands. The retention of the traditional method of establishing drilling and spacing units within the Greater Wattenberg Area was specifically discussed and approved during the August 2011 rulemaking amending Rule 318A to address horizontal wells.

- 5. Applicant requests that the Commission vacate the 80-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-87 as to Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 67 West as described in Paragraph 2 only for the Codell-Niobrara Formations. There are currently no producing wells from the Codell-Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands.
- 6. Applicant further requests that the Commission establish one (1) 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formations. A drilling and spacing unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in the drilling and spacing unit.
- 7. Applicant requests that the Commission allow it to drill and complete one (1) horizontal well with the option to drill an additional six (6) horizontal wells for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formations in the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, unless an exception is authorized by the Director. Applicant asserts that the requested relief will promote economical and efficient drainage, protect correlative rights, avoid waste, reduce surface impacts, and will effectively recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands.
- 8. Applicant states that all horizontal wells proposed to be drilled and completed shall be drilled from one (1) surface location located within the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit. Applicant has a surface use agreement with the landowner and has the consent to drill outside of the Rule 318A(I) drilling windows. Applicant confirms that the treated interval of any well shall be no closer than 460' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 150' from the treated interval of another horizontal well within the unit, unless an exception is authorized by the Director. The Applicant further maintains that the proposed wells will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 9. Applicant states that the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> 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 consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

GREAT WESTERN OIL AND GAS COMPANY, LLC.

By:

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Applicant's Address:

Great Western Oil & Gas Company, LLC ATTN: K. Wade Pollard, CPL 1700 Broadway, Suite 650 Denver, CO 80290

### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)	
	)	SS.
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)	

The undersigned, of lawful age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

- 1. He is a Petroleum Land Manager for Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC whose address is 1700 Broadway, Suite 650, Denver, CO 80290.
- 2. He has read the within application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

K. Wade Pollard, CPL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Octobur, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

cial seal. - 2012

CASSANDRA K. HODGSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20004025759
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 17, 201

Notary Public

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Grizzly Petroleum Company, LLC 1700 Broadway, Suite 650 Denver, CO 80290

Energy & Exploration Partners, LLC Two City Place, Suite 1700 100 Throckmorton Fort Worth, TX 76102

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Matt Chase and Christine Chase, joint tenants 215 N. Chimney Park Drive Windsor, CO 80550

Timothy R. Stadem and Beth H. Stadem, joint tenants 107 N. Chimney Park Drive Windsor, CO 80550

John R. Heppner and Paula J. Heppner, joint tenants 315 19th Ave. Court Greeley, CO 80631

Jewel D. Nickel 127 N. Chimney Park Drive Windsor, CO 80550 Donovan J. Nickel 127 N. Chimney Park Drive Windsor, CO 80550

Donald J. Stavely and Carmen M. Stavely, joint tenants 129 N. Chimney Park Drive Windsor, CO 80550

Bojacs, Inc. 252 Clayton Denver, CO 80206

KMS Sixth Street Condominium Owners Association, Inc. 128 N. 6th Street, #C Windsor, CO 80550

KMS of Colorado, LLC 631 Birch Street, Unit A Windsor, CO 80550

Meghan Hartmann 126 Beacon Way, Apt. R Windsor, CO 80550

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BN Leasing Corporation 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131

Burlington Northern Railroad Company 2650 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, TX 76131

Colorado Department of Transportation 4201 E. Arkansas Ave. Room 212 Denver, CO 80222

Martin and Martin Properties, LLC 155 E. Broadway Drive, Suite 400 Windsor, CO 80550 Other Side of the Rainbow, LLC 9 Elm Street Ft. Collins, CO 80526

Ocean Blue, LLC 2200 Bighorn Road Fort Collins, CO 80525

Manweiler and Hess, LLC 414 B&C Main Street Windsor, CO 80550

Norlarco Credit Union 319 S. Meldrom Street Fort Collins, CO 80521

Golden Delany, LLC 426 Main Street Windsor. CO 80550

Jerry L. Steele and Janet Steele, joint tenants 1428 Grand Ave. Windsor, CO 80550

Town of Windsor 301 Walnut Street Windsor, CO 80550

Star Contracting, Inc. 508 Main Street Windsor, CO 80550

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Windsor-Severance Historical Society, Inc. 501 Ash Street Windsor, CO 80550

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Joann Koehler 8811 Comanche Road Longmont, CO 80503

Mary Brunner 33847 Siasconset Rd. Windsor, CO 80550

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Kathleen E. Calkins 317 N. 7th Street Windsor, CO 80550

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Edith L. Walter 14 Main Street Windsor, CO 80550

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Kevin E. Peden and Jo Rene Peden, joint tenants 28 Chestnut Street Windsor, CO 80550

John Thomas Buxmann and Mary Susanna Buxmann, joint tenants 129 Ash Street Windsor, CO 80550

Dennis Roberson and Kim Roberson, joint tenants 1374 Waterwood Drive Windsor, CO 80550

Daniel J. Noel and Rita M. Noel P.O. Box 327 Timnath, CO 80547

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STATE OF COLORADO ) )ss.	
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )	*
Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being fi	rst duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:
November <u>/ </u> 2012, she caused a copy of the States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the	ern Oil & Gas Company, LLC and that on or before attached Application to be deposited in the United parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.  Jamie L. Jost
Subscribed and sworn to before me on N	November, 2012.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:	
	Notary Public

