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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)
BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING	) CAUSE NO. 407
COMPANY LLC FOR AN ORDER VACATING	)
ORDERS 407-380, 407-633 AND 407-711 AS	) DOCKET NO. 1303-SP
THEY APPLY TO SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP	)
5 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST, WELD COUNTY,	)
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#### **VERIFIED APPLICATION**

COMES NOW, Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC ("Bonanza"), by its attorneys, Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC, and submits its Verified Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission"), for an order to vacate Commission Orders 407-380, 407-633 and 407-711 as they apply solely to Section 15, Township 5 North, Range 62 West, in Weld County, Colorado, and in support states as follows:

- 1. Bonanza is a limited liability company duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant owns oil and gas leasehold interests in the following lands in Weld County, Colorado (the "Application Lands"):

Township 5 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 15: All

- 3. On November 29, 2010, the Commission issued Order 407-380, which, among other things, established the Application Lands as a 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and gas from horizontal wells to the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands, and established units in certain other lands.
- 4. On May 29, 2012, the Commission issued Order 407-633, which, among other things, allowed additional horizontal wells to be drilled in the Application Lands and in each other unit subject to said Order.
- 5. On October 1, 2012, the Commission issued Order 407-711, which, among other things, affirmed Orders 407-380 and 407-633 as to previously omitted parties.
- 6. Bonanza hereby requests that the Commission vacate its Orders 407-380, 407-633 and 407-711, and apply the Greater Wattenberg Area setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318A to the Application Lands.
- 7. With the exception of the State Antelope #41-15HZ well (API #05-123-33361), which is operated by Bonanza in the E/2E/2 of Section 15, there are no producing wells on the Application Lands. The wellbore of the State Antelope #41-15HZ well is located entirely on a surface and mineral estate owned by the State of Colorado, and is not within 460 feet of the

boundaries of the leasehold. Royalty proceeds from the State Antelope #41-15HZ well have been paid solely to the State of Colorado.

- Bonanza is in the process of drilling the Antelope #F-J-I5HNB well (API #05-123-35985) in the W/2 of Section 15. The wellbore of the W/2 of Section 15 is located entirely on private surface and mineral estates and is not within 460 feet of the boundary of such leaseholds.
- 9. Vacating the above Orders as they apply to the Application Lands and reestablishment of Greater Wattenberg Area setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318A on the Application Lands will facilitate the drilling of new horizontal wells on said lands, will promote conservation, ensure accurate production, accounting and efficient operation of the wells. The relief requested in this Verified Application will also prevent waste, protect correlative rights and assure the greatest recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Application Lands.
- Bonanza hereby verifies that the names and addresses of the interested parties according the information and belief of Bonanza are set forth in the annexed Exhibit A.
- The undersigned certifies that copies of this Verified Application shall be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing of this verified application as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant, Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC, respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in March 25 or 26, 2013, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order vacating Commission Orders 407-380, 407-633 and 407-711 as to the Application Lands only, and apply the Greater Wattenberg Area setbacks set forth in Commission Rule 318A to the Application Lands, and for such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem just and advisable consistent with the above request.

Dated: January <u>33</u><sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	) }
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
The undersigned, of lawful that:	age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states
1. He is employed as L Creek Energy Operating Compan 1500, Denver, Colorado 80202.	andman - Rocky Mountain Region, for the Applicant, Bonanza y LLC, and that he maintains his office at 410 17th Street, Suite
	nin Application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.
Further Affiant sayeth not.	Jared Rush
Subscribed and sworn to before m	ne this <u>22</u> day of January, 2013.
Witness my hand and official seal.  My commission expires: 904  CAROLINE HEURING NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20124056829 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT. 24, 2016	Notary Public

#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

#### TO APPLICATION OF BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC

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<u>AFFIDAVIT (</u>	OF MAILING
STATE OF COLORADO )	
) ss. CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER )	
J. Michael Morgan, of lawful age and being declares:	first duly sworn upon his oath, states and
That he is the attorney for Bonanza Creek leads a copy of the attached A Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties lis	Energy Operating Company LLC. On January Application to be deposited in the United States ted on <b>Exhibit A</b> to the Application.
J <sub>y</sub>	Michael Morgan
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	∡day of January, 2013
Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires: 09/13/2013	Prox Level watom 1
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