

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR	)	
AN ORDER ALLOWING ADDITIONAL WELLS	)	
IN AN EXISTING 960-ACRE DRILLING AND	)	Cause No. 535
SPACING UNIT APPLICABLE TO THE	)	
DRILLING AND PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM	)	Docket No. _____
THE NIOBRARA FORMATION COVERING	)	
CERTAIN LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH,	)	
RANGE 57 WEST, 6TH P.M., WELD COUNTY,	)	
COLORADO.	)	

APPLICATION

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (“Applicant”), by and through its attorneys, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”) for an order amending Order Nos. 535-296 and 535-314 only insofar as they apply to the Application Lands described below and approving additional wells and modified setbacks in the existing 960-acre drilling and spacing unit described in this Application, applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil and gas from the Niobrara Formation covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the following lands (“Application Lands”):  

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 20: ALL  
Section 29: N½

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

- 2. By Order No. 535-179 dated July 9, 2012, the Commission approved an application establishing six approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of certain lands in Sections 5 through 8, and 19, 20, 29 and 30 Township 10 North, Range 57 West 6th P.M. and Sections 1, 12, 19 and 30, Township 10 North Range 58 West, 6th P.M., and authorized up to four horizontal wells within the units, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbores to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 1200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit.
- 3. By Order No. 535-296 dated March 25, 2013, the Commission approved an application allowing up to eight horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Commission further approved the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundary and no closer than 200 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara Formation.
- 4. By Order No. 535-314 dated May 6, 2013, the Commission approved an application allowing up to sixteen horizontal wells in 21 approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units, including the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 5. The Niobrara Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 5,777’ (top of the Niobrara) and 6,101’ (base of the Niobrara) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

6. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands and on lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

7. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation within the Application Lands, and to avoid waste, the Commission should amend Order No. 535-314 only as it applies to the Application Lands to create an exploratory unit which allows an appropriate number of wells, not to exceed 32 wells, in the 960-acre spacing unit within the Application Lands in order to efficiently and economically recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation in the proposed unit.

8. Applicant requests that the surface location for each proposed horizontal well be located at a legal location in the above described drilling and spacing units or on adjacent lands. Applicant further requests that the 200 foot treated interval between each wellbore established in Order No. 535-296 be amended and that the new setback be no closer than 100 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara formation, and no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to owners of adjacent or cornering lands the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than the distance permitted in the adjacent or cornering lands, without exception being granted by the Director.

9. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the well density which allows the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation, prevents waste, does not adversely affect correlative rights and assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Niobrara Formation. Applicant further maintains that a well drilled in the above-proposed drilling and spacing units will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

10. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit 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 seven days after filing of the original application as required by Rules 503.e, 507.b.1 and 507.b.5.

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER )

Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman with Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Amended Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

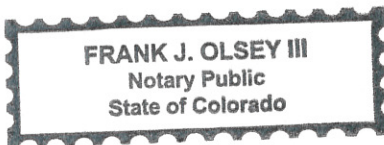
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION




Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.



  
 Mark O'Sullivan  
 County Public

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-31-2014

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Noble Energy WYCO, LLC  
1625 Broadway, Suite 2000  
Denver, CO 80202

The Estate of Lloyd Laverne Keslar  
c/o Paul Keslar  
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Lincoln, NE 68507-2735

Jamie Paul Shoemaker  
19977 Highway 14  
Walden, CO 80480

The Estate of Grady Hubbard  
c/o Evelyn Peterson  
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Graham, WA 98338

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Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093

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Parker, CO 80138

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Houston, TX. 77002

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Suite 3300  
Houston, TX 77002

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Suite 3300  
Houston, TX 77002

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Denver, CO 80218

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McAlester, OK 74501-7358

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Edmund, OK 73083

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Kansas City, MO 64110  
(Last known address)

Estate of Duane I. Peterson  
405 W. Glen Arbor Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64114  
(Last known address)

Estate of L. G. Wendegatz  
c/o Gerald M. Wendegatz  
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Mesa, AZ 85203-3638

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Lees Summit, MO 64064

Estate of Bert H. Lundmark  
5926 Howe Drive  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66205  
(Last known address)

Alzora Ryden Paros  
822 South 5<sup>th</sup> East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

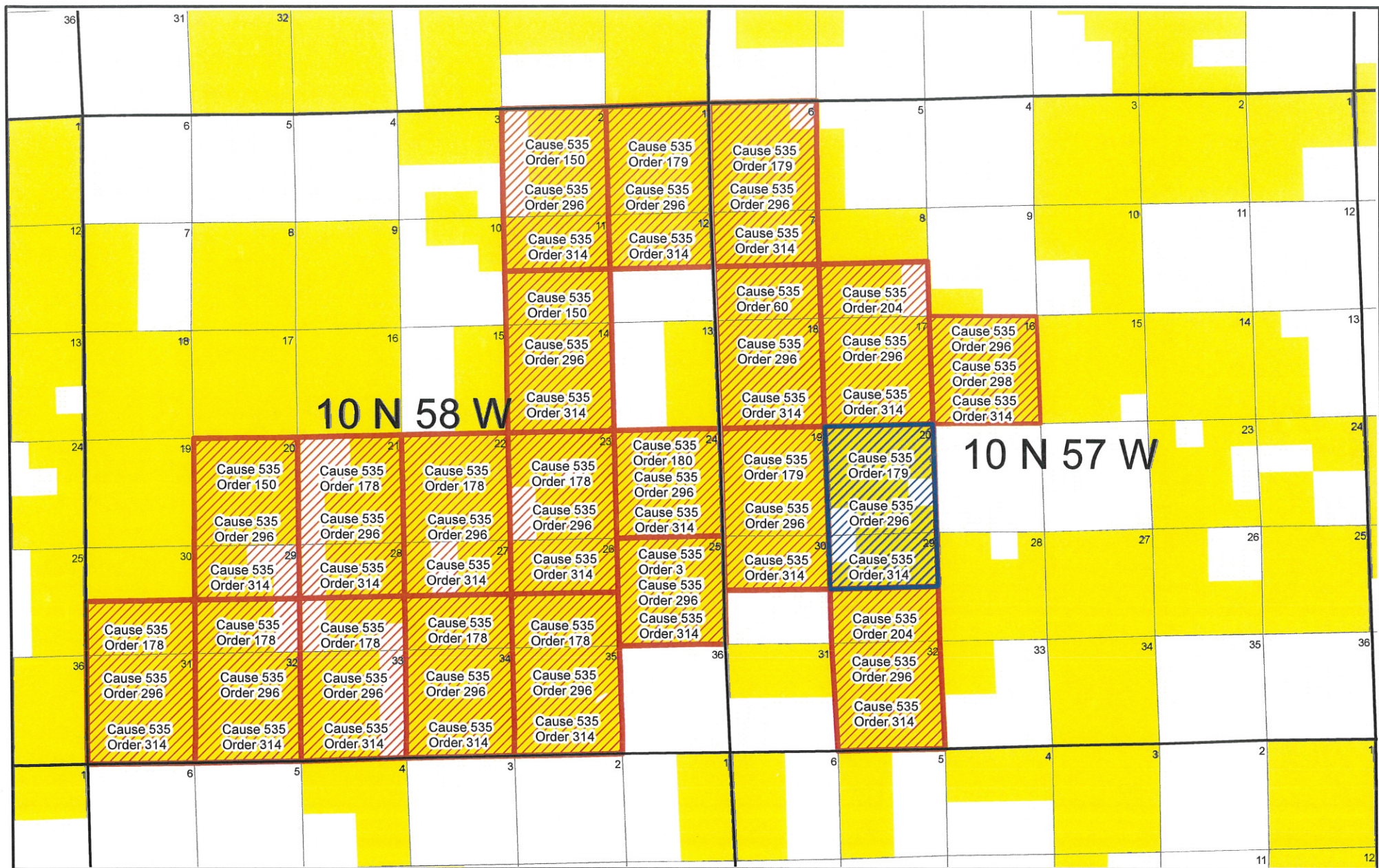
The Estate of Adeline I. Ryden  
3161 Washington Street  
Placerville, CA 95667  
(Last known address)

Hat Creek Royalty LTD  
P.O. Box 3240  
Midland, TX 79702

Marathon Oil Company  
5555 San Felipe St.  
Houston, TX 77056

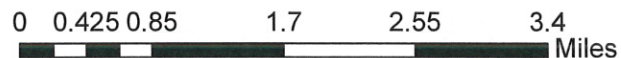
Marubeni Denver Julesberg LLC  
2800 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 6000  
Houston, TX 77056

HRM Resources LLC  
410 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1200  
Denver, CO 80202



**Legend**

- Application Lands
- Existing Spacing Orders
- Whiting Leasehold



**Exhibit "A"**  
Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:56,887      Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N  
Date: 05/29/2013      Author: Scott McDaniel

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO §  
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I, Chelsey J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before June 4, 2013, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Chelsey J. Russell  
Chelsey J. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me June 4, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Melissa A. Morman  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: 8/29/2013