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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CAERUS	)	CAUSE NO. 510
PICEANCE LLC FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING	)	
ONE APPROXIMATE 80-ACRE DRILLING AND	)	DOCKET NO. 1309-SP
SPACING UNITAND ESTABLISHING DENSITY AND	)	
SETBACK RULES FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND	)	
ILES FORMATIONS, GRAND VALLEY FIELD,	)	
LOCATED IN THE E/2SE/4 OF SECTION 14,	)	
TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 96 WEST, GARFIELD	)	
COUNTY COLORADO		

## **VERIFIED APPLICATION**

Caerus Piceance LLC ("Caerus") by and through its attorneys, Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC, respectfully submits its Verified Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order establishing an approximate 80-acre spacing unit, and density and setback rules, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances, for the drilling and producing of wells to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group, covering certain lands in Garfield County, Colorado, and in support states as follows:

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

Township 7 South, Range 96West of the 6th P.M. Section 14: E/2SE/4

- 3. The Application Lands are unspaced with respect to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.
- 4. On May 16, 1994, the Commission issued Order No. 510-1 which, among other things, authorized wells to be drilled to the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group no closer than 400 feet from the boundaries of any lease line and no closer than 800 feet from any existing Williams Fork Formation well or wells.
- 6. The records of the Commission reflect that two wells have been drilled to the Williams Fork Formation in the Application Lands. The Nolte 14-43D well (API No. 05-045-07469) was drilled in the NE/4SE/4 of Section 14, and the Nolte 13-44 (API No 05-045-07482) was drilled in the SE/4SE/4 of Section 14. Consistent with the relief requested herein, both wells have produced and been paid to the owners in the E/2SE/4 of Section 14.
- 7. To promote efficient drainage of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations in the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights, avoid waste, and assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the formation, the Commission should enter an order to establish a spacing unit of approximately 80-acres, consisting of the

Application Lands, applicable to the drilling and producing of wells to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.

- 8. Caerus requests that such order allow it to drill and complete wells on the Application Lands at a density equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, and that such wells be located downhole anywhere within the Application Lands, but no closer than 100 feet from a lease line or the boundaries of the Application Lands without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. In cases where the Application Lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10 acre density Williams Fork and Iles Formation wells. Caerus further requests that such order shall provide that wells shall be located down hole no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the Application Lands so abutting or cornering such lands, without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 9. Caerus further requests that such wells on the Application Lands be drilled from the surface, either vertically or directionally, from no more than two (2) pads located in the unit, unless exception is granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and further, that wells drilled to the Iles Formation in the Application Lands shall be drilled only in connection with the drilling of a Williams Fork Formation well.
- 10. The above-proposed drilling and spacing unit will allow efficient drainage of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, prevent waste, not adversely affect correlative rights of any owner, and assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs.
- 11. A drilling and spacing unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area which can be economically and efficiently drained by a single well to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations in the proposed unit.
- 12. The proposed wells can be developed in a manner consistent with protection of the environment, public health, safety and welfare.
- 13. Caerus respectfully requests that the Commission take notice of Order Nos. 510-58 and 510-54 which granted similar well density and setbacks for wells to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations in, respectively, the adjacent SW/4 of Section 13 and the NE/4 of Section 35, both in Township 7 South, Range 96 West.
- 14. The names and addresses of interested parties according to the information and belief of Caerus are set forth in the annexed **Exhibit A**. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Verified Application shall be served on each interested party as required by Rule 503.e.

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

- A. Establishing the Application Lands as an approximate 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations,
- B. Providing that the density and location of wells drilled to the Williams Fork and Iles Formations in said unit shall be shall be as requested above, and

C. For such other findings and orders, consistent with the requests set forth above, which the Commission may determine to be just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of July, 2013.

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

# TO VERIFIED APPLICATION OF CAERUS PICEANCE LLC

Township 7 South, Range 96 West, 6th P.M. Section 14: E/2SE/4

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Kirby H. Wynn **Garfield County** 

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)	
	)	SS.
<b>CITY &amp; COUNTY OF DENVER</b>	)	

- N. Arthur Bollen, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and states that he is Land Manager for the Applicant, and he maintains his office at 600 17th Street, Suite 1600 North, Denver, CO 80202.
- He has read the within application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and 2. states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Arthur Bollen

**Notary Public** 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $\frac{16}{100}$  day of July, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: September 24,2016

KATHERINE WHITMAN **NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20124062180

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILI	NG	
STATE OF COLORADO ) ss.		
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER )		
J. Michael Morgan, of lawful age and being first duly declares:	sworn	upon his oath, states and
That he is the attorney for Caerus Piceance LLC in to July 18, 2013, he caused a copy of the attached Verified Ap States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties liste J. Michael for the parties of the parties	pplicati d on E	ion to be deposited in the United <b>xhibit A</b> to the Application.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18thday of	July, 20	013.
Witness my hand and official seal.  My commission expires: 03/05/2015  SHARON FOWLE  Notary Pub	<u>Ilic</u>	Towle