

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING)	
COMPANY LLC FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING)	
THE DRILLING OF UP TO TEN HORIZONTAL)	CAUSE NO. 407 & 535
WELLS TO THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN A)	
640-ACRE SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTION)	
4, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST OF)	DOCKET NO. 1310-AW-__
THE 6TH P.M., WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD)	
COUNTY, COLORADO)	

VERIFIED APPLICATION

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC ("Bonanza") 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 authorizing the drilling and completion of up to ten (10) horizontal wells in an existing drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the Wattenberg Field, Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Verified Application Bonanza states as follows:

1. Bonanza is a limited liability company duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. Bonanza owns oil and gas leasehold interests in the following section in Weld County, Colorado (the "Application Lands"):

Township 4 North, Range 62 West 6th P. M.
Section 4

3. By Order 407-779 & 535-4, entered effective February 22, 2011, the Commission established the Application Lands as a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Order authorized the drilling of two horizontal wells in the unit, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbores to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit.

4. According to the records of the Commission no wells have been drilled to the Application Lands.

5. Section §34-60-116(4) of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act authorizes the Commission to permit additional wells to be drilled within established drilling and spacing units in order to prevent or assist in preventing waste.

6. Bonanza requests that the Commission authorize the drilling and completion of up to ten (10) horizontal wells to the Niobrara Formation in the unit composed of the Application Lands, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons, to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

7. Consistent with Rule 318A(l).m, Bonanza further requests that the treated interval of any horizontal well be no closer than 150 feet from the wellbore of any then-existing or permitted oil and gas well, unless waived in writing by the operator of the encroached upon well.

8. Bonanza further requests that horizontal wells under the requested order be located on no more than two surface pads per governmental half-section as designated by the operator, with wells on each pad to be drilled from surface locations within 50 feet of an adjacent drilled or permitted well, without exception being granted by the Director for good cause, which shall include surface owner consent.

9. Entry of an order consistent with the above requests will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands, will prevent waste, will not adversely affect correlative rights of any owner, and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.

10. The proposed horizontal wells can be developed in a manner consistent with protection of the environment, public health, safety and welfare.

11. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party listed on **Exhibit A** as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Bonanza respectfully requests this matter be set for hearing, notice be given as required by law, and upon such hearing the Commission enter its order providing the relief requested by Bonanza above, together with such other relief consistent with the above requests as the Commission deems just and appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of August, 2013.

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EXHIBIT "A"

TO APPLICATION OF BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC

Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.

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Denver, CO 80202

Applicant's Attorney: J. Michael Morgan, Esq.
Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC
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Local Government Designee: David Bauer
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Other Interested Parties:

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Colorado Division of Wildlife
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Denver, CO 80214

Kent Kuster
Colorado Department of State
Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246

State of Colorado, acting by and through the
State Board of Land Commissioners
1127 Sherman Street, Suite 300
Denver, CO 80203

Bill Barrett Corporation
1099 18th Street, Suite 2300
Denver, CO 80202

Anschutz Exploration Corporation
555 17th Street, Suite 2400
Denver, CO 80202

VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
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CITY AND COUTY OF DENVER)

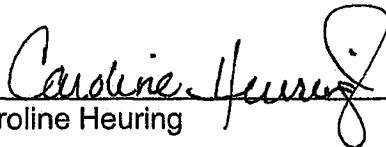
ss.

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

1. She is a Land Technician for the Applicant, Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC, and maintains her office at 410 17th Street, Suite 1400, Denver, Colorado 80202.

2. She has read the within Verified Application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

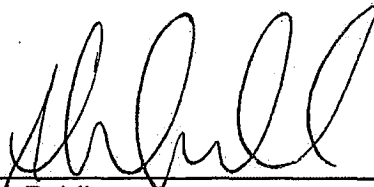


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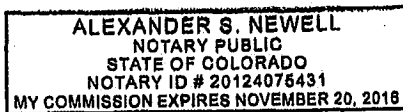
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of August, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11-20-2016



Notary Public



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WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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

J. Michael Morgan, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC in the above-captioned matter, that on August 27th, 2013 he caused a copy of the attached Verified Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on **Exhibit A** to the Application.

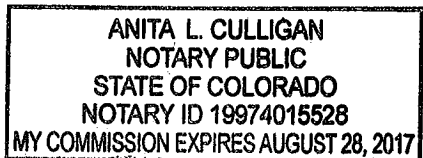


J. Michael Morgan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 8-28-17





Notary Public