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

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Cause No. 535

Docket No.

### **APPLICATION**

ConocoPhillips Company ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Jost & Shelton Energy Group, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order authorizing up to four (4) horizontal wells in the following-described 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 30: All

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- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.
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- 3. On November 29, 2011, effective as of October 31, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-97, which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit on the Application Lands and allowed up to two (2) horizontal wells on the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Additionally, the order permitted the surface locations of such wells to be anywhere within the unit or surrounding lands, and

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

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Dated: October 18, 2013

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Respectfully submitted:

ConocoPhillips Company

Bv:

Jamie L. Jost James P. Parrot

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	) ss.
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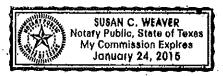
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, by Gary Williamson, Staff Landman – Rockies Business Unit of ConocoPhillips Company.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 1-24-15Susa Weaux



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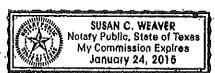
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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
	)ss
COUNTY OF DENVER	)

Jamie L. Jost of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is the attorney for ConocoPhillips Company, that on or before October 24, 2013, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto.

Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2/st day of October, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_

**Notary Public** 

DANIELLE E CARROLL
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID 20134059312
My Commission Expires Sep 18, 2017

# EXHIBIT A INTERESTED PARTIES

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