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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)
KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP FOR	) Cause No.
AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN	)
APPROXIMATE 200-ACRE DESIGNATED	) Docket No.
WELLBORE SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN	)
SECTIONS 5 AND 8, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH,	
RANGE 67 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE	)
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG	)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)

#### APPLICATION

COMES NOW Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP (referred to herein as "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and makes application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission"), for an order to pool all interests within an approximate 200-acre wellbore spacing unit to produce oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation for the following described lands:

Sater 40N-5HZ Well (API No. 05-123-38324) ("Well"):

Township 2 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

Section 5:

SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4

Section 8:

E1/2NE1/4

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

In support thereof, the Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware; is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation; is duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado; and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns certain interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- 4. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A.

- 5. Pursuant to Rule 318A.e, Applicant designated an approximate 200-acre wellbore spacing unit for the Well for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from Niobrara Formation. Applicant notified all owners in the proposed wellbore spacing unit pursuant to Rule 318A.e.(6), as applicable. Applicant did not receive any objections to the establishment of the proposed wellbore spacing unit within the 30-day response period, and, as such, certifies to the Commission that it did not receive any objections to well location, proposed spacing unit, or proposed formations.
- 6. Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) & (7) and Commission Rule 530, seeks an order pooling all interests, including but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in the Well for development and operation of the Niobrara Formation underlying the following designated 200-acre wellbore spacing unit:

Township 2 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 5:

SE14NE14, E12SE14

Section 8:

E1/2NE1/4

(hereafter, "the Wellbore Spacing Unit").

- 7. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 8. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 507.b(2), and that at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the Well, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 as applicable.
- 9. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Niobrara Formation, including any nonconsenting interests therein.

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

- A. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands and the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation.
- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of each of the Well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions

thereof with respect to the Well drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED this 26 day of November, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,/

KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )
) ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)
Jason Rayburn of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Landman for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.
Jason Rayburn
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP
Subscribed and sworn to before this <u>A</u> day of November, 2013.
Witness my hand and official seal.
[SEAL]
My commission expires 12/28/2015
DPUIGNO
Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING		
STATE OF COLORADO )		
)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )		
Jennifer L. Pittenger of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:		
That she is a Legal Assistant at Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., attorneys for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP, and on or before December , 2013, 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.		
Jennifer L. Pittenger		
Subscribed and sworn to before me November <u>ab</u> , 2013.		
Witness my hand and official seal.		
My commission expires: <u>૫૦- ૭૫- ૧</u> .		
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# EXHIBIT A Interested Parties

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