

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 EXISTING 960-ACRE DRILLING AND)
SPACING UNITS AND ESTABLISHING WELL)
LOCATION RULES APPLICABLE TO THE)
DRILLING AND PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM)
THE NIOBRARA FORMATION COVERING)
CERTAIN LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH,)
RANGE 59 WEST, 6TH P.M., WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO.)

Cause No. 535

Docket No. _____

Intake No. _____

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 allowing up to sixteen wells in each of the existing 960-acre drilling and spacing units described in this Application and establishing well location rules 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 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: All (Consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$)

Section 12: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: All (Consisting of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$)

Section 11: N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 12: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 13: All

Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 14: All

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. On August 8, 2011, corrected November 14, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-60, which established three approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and authorized up to four horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. Sections 1 and 12, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

3. On September 19, 2011 the Commission issued Order No. 535-76, which established five approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and authorized up to four horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located on the surface anywhere within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. Sections 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 10 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

4. The Niobrara Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 5,777 feet (top of the Niobrara) and 6,101 feet (base of the Niobrara) below the surface 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.

5. 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.

6. Applicant has determined through drilling operations and other geological and engineering analyses that to promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, and to avoid waste, the Commission should allow up to sixteen wells within the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

7. Applicant has further determined through drilling operations and other geological and engineering analyses that to promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, and to avoid waste, the Commission should allow the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 200 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 to be located no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, without exception being granted by the Director. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to the owners of the 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.

8. The above-proposed drilling and spacing units will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation, will prevent waste, will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the

Niobrara Formation. The proposed drilling and spacing units are not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in such drilling and spacing unit. 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.

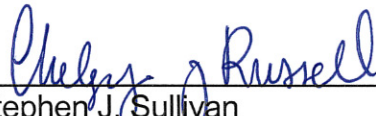
9. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by Rules 503.e, 507.b.(1), 507.b.(4) 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 16th day of January, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

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) ss.

CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER

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Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman with Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing 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 16th day of January, 2014 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/10/15

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

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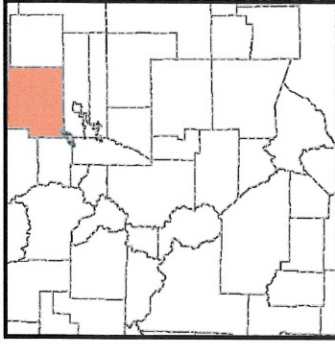
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Legend

Application Lands

WELL STATUS

- COMPLETING
- DRILLING
- PRODUCING

Niobrara Spacing Units

- Spacing Units
- WOGC Leasehold

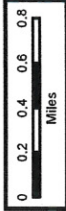
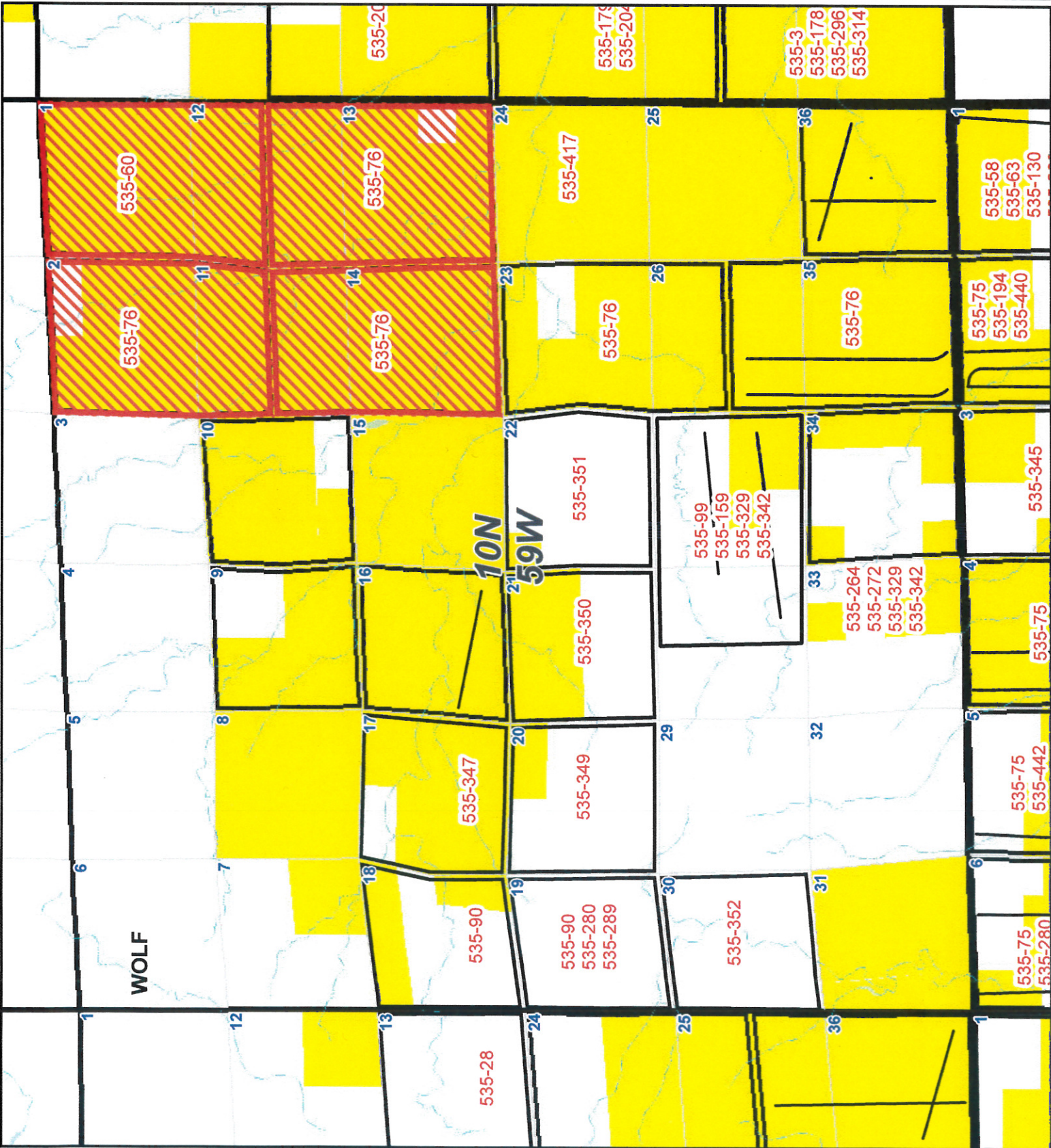


Exhibit "A"
Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:54,522 Projection: UTM Zone 13N
Date: 01/16/2014 Author: LAND



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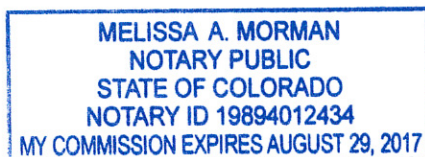
I, Chelsey J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before January 21, 2014, 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 January 21, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Melissa A. Morman
Notary Public
My commission expires: 8/29/2017

REVISED EXHIBIT A

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