

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 ESTABLISHING TWO 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 SECTIONS 19, 20, 29 AND 30, )  
TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 56 WEST, 6TH )  
P.M., WELD COUNTY, COLORADO. )

Cause No. 535

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Intake No. \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Applicant" or "Whiting"), 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 establishing two approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units, 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 56 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 19: Lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$  (All)

Section 30: Lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  (N $\frac{1}{2}$ )

Township 10 North, Range 56 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 20: All

Section 29: N $\frac{1}{2}$

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a. which provides that a well drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. There are no specific Commission orders applicable to the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.

3. 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, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

4. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should establish two drilling and spacing units of approximately 960 acres covering the Application Lands.

5. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara Formation upon lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

6. 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 unit will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

7. Applicant is requesting to drill and complete one horizontal well in each approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit described above, with the option to drill and complete up to a total of sixteen horizontal wells for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands with the surface location to be located at a legal location in the above described drilling and spacing unit or on adjacent lands. Applicant further requests that the treated interval of each wellbore 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 no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary. 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, without exception being granted by the Director.


8. 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 the original Application shall be served on each interested party 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 27th day of February, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

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## VERIFICATION

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

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.



  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 3/10/15

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

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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 March \_\_\_\_, 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.

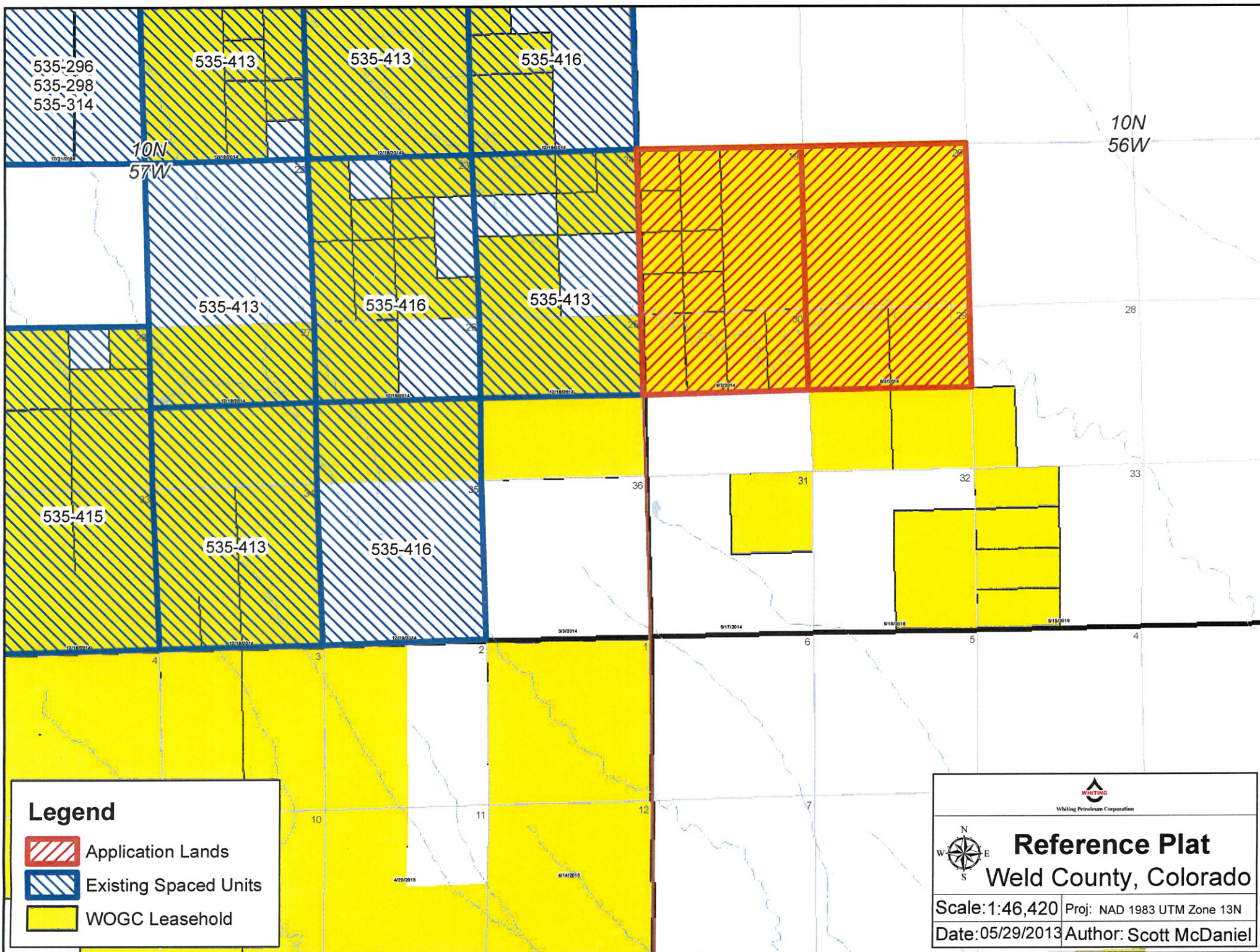
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Chelsey J. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me March \_\_\_\_, 2014.




Witness my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_





### Legend

-  Application Lands
-  Existing Spaced Units
-  WOGC Leasehold



Whiting Petroleum Corporation



## Reference Plat Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:46,420 | Proj: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N

Date: 05/29/2013 | Author: Scott McDaniel



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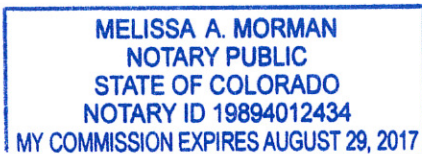
I, Chelsey J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before March 3, 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 March 5, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.



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