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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY FOR AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN EXPLORATORY 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT AND ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION RULES FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN SECTIONS 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., AN UNNAMED FIELD, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No.

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 to establish an exploratory 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit and authorizing up to two (2) horizontal wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons within said 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit from the Niobrara Formation underlying the below-described lands. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a Delaware corporation duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant owns leasehold interests or holds the right to operate on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 25: All Section 26: All

1,280 acres, more or less, Adams County, Colorado.

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

3. Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Section 25, Township 3 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Rule 318.a. for the Niobrara Formation. There are no other specific Commission Orders applicable to the Niobrara Formation underlying the section.

- 4. On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-89, which established eighteen (18) 640-acre drilling and spacing units, authorized two (2) horizontal wells in each unit for production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and allowed for the lateral of a given horizontal well to enter the Niobrara Formation no closer than 300 feet from the section line, with the treated interval to be located not closer than 460 feet from the section line and no closer than 920 feet from the treated interval of any other well in the unit producing from the Niobrara, without exception being granted by the Director. Section 26 of the Application Lands is subject to Order No. 535-89. Applicant requests that Order No. 535-89 be vacated only as to Section 26 of the Application Lands.
- 5. The records of the Commission reflect that no wells have been drilled, and no wells are currently producing nor have they previously produced in the Application I ands.
- 6. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should establish an exploratory 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands.
- 7. That the above-proposed drilling and spacing unit 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 reservoirs. The unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in the unit.
- 8. That the Applicant is requesting to drill and complete up to two (2) horizontal wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons within the exploratory 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands and that there will be no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 9. The Applicant maintains that there will be no more than two (2) well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 10. The treated interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (regardless of the lease lines within the unit) and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 960 feet from the treated interval of another well producing from the same source of supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 11. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully 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 this Commission enter its order:

- A. Vacating Order No. 535-89 only as it applies to Section 26 of the Application Lands.
- B. Establishing an exploratory 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and allowing up to two (2) horizontal wells in the unit in order to efficiently and economically develop and recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from of the Niobrara Formation in the unit.
- C. Providing that the treated interval any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit and not less than 960 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit and authorizing two (2) well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- D. Finding that an exploratory 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in September 2014, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's request as set forth above.

## DATED this 17th day of July, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

**ConocoPhillips Company** 

Ву:

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### **Affirmation**

The matters described herein were all conducted under my direction and control.
I hereby swear that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the matters set forth
berein and in the exhibits are true, correct, and accurate

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ConocoPhillips Company

STATE OF TEXAS

) ss.

**COUNTY OF HARRIS** 

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>//</u> day of July, 2014, by Kelsey L. Swinford, Rockies Business Unit, Niobrara Land, Staff Landman for ConocoPhillips Company.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires:  $\frac{9/19/20/6}{}$ 

**Notary Public** 

## Reference Map ConocoPhillips Company

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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COUNTY OF DENVER )	
James P. Parrot of lawful age, and being first duly sv and declares:	vorn upon his oath, states
	osited in the United States oit A attached hereto.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{17}{2}$ day of	July, 2014.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires: June 24, 2018	
	relul Henry Notary Public

RACHEL FLEMING NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20144025048 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2018

### Exhibit A Green 3-64 25-26

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