

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 A 960-ACRE)
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT AND)
ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION RULES)
APPLICABLE TO THE DRILLING AND)
PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM THE)
NIOBRARA AND CODELL FORMATIONS)
COVERING CERTAIN LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 9)
NORTH, RANGE 57 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 establishing a 960-acre drilling and spacing unit and establishing well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil and gas from the Niobrara and Codell Formations 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 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: S½

Section 17: All

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. Rule 318.a. 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 other specific Commission Orders applicable to the Codell Formation underlying the Application Lands.

3. On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-42, which established eight approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved one horizontal well within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 8 and 17, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

4. On April 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-481, which vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-42. Section 8, Township 9 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order.

5. 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) 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.

6. The Codell Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 6,101 feet (top of Codell) and 6,115 feet (base of Codell) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Codell Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

7. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands and on lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

8. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations within the Application Lands and to avoid waste, the Commission should vacate Order No. 535-42 as it pertains to Section 17 and establish a drilling and spacing unit of approximately 960 acres covering the Application Lands.

9. Applicant is requesting to drill and complete one horizontal well in the approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit described above, with the option to drill and complete up to a total of thirty-two horizontal wells in the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations 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 100 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara and/or Codell formations, 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.

10. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the well density which allows the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations, prevents waste, does not adversely affect correlative rights, and assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Niobrara and Codell Formations. Applicant further maintains that wells drilled in the above-proposed drilling and spacing units will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

11. 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 seven days after filing of the original application as required by Rules 503.e, 507.b.1, 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 August, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

By: _____


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Phone: 303-390-4261

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 27 day of August, 2014 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.




Notary Public

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/10/15

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Mr. David Bauer Weld County 1111 H Street Greeley, CO 80632	Kent Kuster Oil & Gas Consultant Coordinator CDPHE 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1500
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Berenergy Corporation Attn: Land Department 1888 Sherman Street, Suite 600 Denver, CO 80203	Richard Clark 4164 N. 24th Road Arlington, VA 22207
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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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I, Joseph C. Pierzchala, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

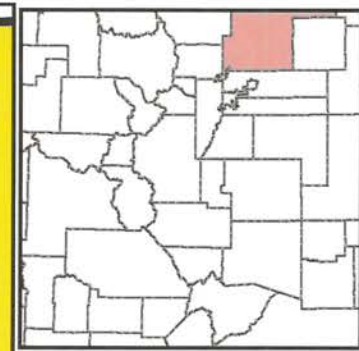
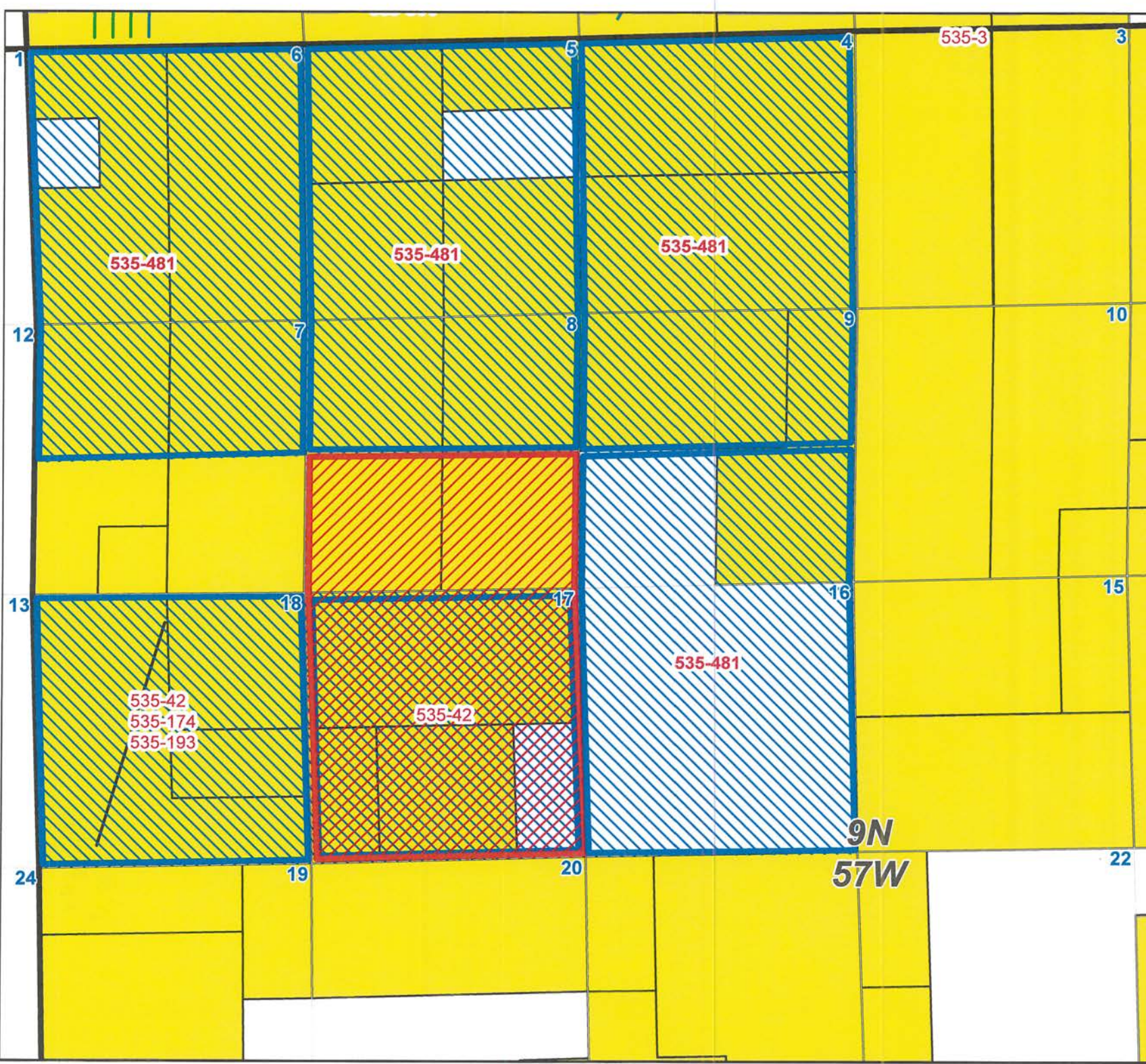
That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before _____, 2014, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Joseph C. Pierzchala

Subscribed and sworn to before me August _____, 2014.

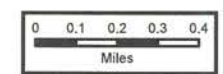
Witness my hand and official seal.


Notary Public
My commission expires: _____



Legend

-  Approved Spacing Unit
-  Application Lands



 **REFERENCE PLAT**
Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:30,000	Projection: UTM Zone 13N
Date: 7/14/2014	Author: LAND

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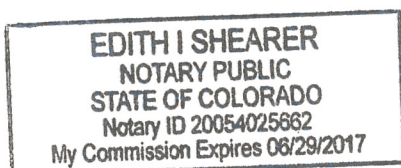
That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before August 29, 2014, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.




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Notary Public
My commission expires: 6/29/2017