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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY URSA	)
OPERATORING COMPANY LLC FOR AN ORDER	) CAUSE NO
VACATING THE APPROXIMATE 320-ACRE DRILLING	)
AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR THE W1/2 OF	) DOCKET NO. To be assigned
SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 92 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup>	)
P.M., ESTABLISHING TWO APPROXIMATE 160-ACRE	)
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS FOR THE NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> AND SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	)
OF SAID SECTION 11, AND AUTHORIZING TEN-ACRE	)
BOTTOMHOLE WELL DENSITY FOR THE WILLIAMS	)
FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS, PARACHUTE FIELD,	)
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)

### **APPLICATION**

Ursa Operating Company LLC ("Ursa" or "Applicant", Operator No. 10447), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order: (1) vacating the approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the E½ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formation; and (2) establishing two approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing units for the NE¼ and the SE¼ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approving the equivalent of one well per 10-acre density within the proposed unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 11: NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands." A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

- 4. Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth shall 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, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Williams Fork and Iles Formation.
- 5. On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 191-90 which, among other things, vacated an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 191-72 for the E½ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S½ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M. and approved the equivalent of one well per 10-acre density within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.
  - 6. On or about March 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 191-100 which,

among other things, established an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the NE¼ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved the equivalent of one well per 10-acre density within the unit.

- 7. On or about September 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 191-101 which, among other things, vacated those portions of Order Nos. 191-90 and 191-100 which established drilling and spacing units for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 11 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formation, and established the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. as an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, and approved the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density therein.
- 8. Applicant requests the Commission vacate Order No. 191-101. This request is made to more economical and efficient recovery of the resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.
- 9. Applicant requests the Commission establish the Application Lands as two approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing units, consisting of the NE¼ and SE¼ of said Section 11, for the Williams Fork and Iles Formations pursuant to Rule 503.b.(1) and §34-60-116(2), C.R.S. For the Application Lands, the proposed drilling unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the wells proposed to be drilled under this Application and completed in the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.
- 10. Applicant requests the Commission approve the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density for the Application Lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.
- 11. Further, Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application, the bottomhole location should be located anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. It is furthermore requested that in cases where the Application Lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells, the permitted well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 12. Furthermore, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells authorized under this Application shall be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto), unless exception is granted by the Commission pursuant to an application made for such exception.
- 13. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §§34-60-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 14. Applicant requests that relief granted under this Application should be effective on oral order by the Commission, and Applicant hereby agrees to being bound by said oral order.
- 15. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the proposed drilling unit) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit B attached

hereto. The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within the seven days as required by Rule 503.e.

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:

- A. Vacating Order No. 191-101 which established a drilling and spacing unit for the E½ of Section 11, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formation.
- B. Establishing two approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing units for the  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  and  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 11, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations.
- C. Authorizing the equivalent of one (1) well per 10 acres well density for the Application Lands, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, with the bottomhole location of any permitted well located anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the unit boundaries, however, in cases where the lands abut or corner lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells, the permitted well should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the lease boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.
- D. Requiring, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells authorized under this Application to be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one (1) pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto), unless exception is granted by the Commission pursuant to an application made for such exception.
- E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 179 day of November, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

## URSA OPERATING COMPANY LLC

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## **VERIFICATION**

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

Jarred McGhee, Landman for Ursa Operating Company LLC, 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.

URSA OPERATING COMPANY LLC

Jarred McGhee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2014, by Jarred McGhee, Landman for Ursa Operating Company LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 10/29/2016

Notary Public

KELSEY C WELLS Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID 20124068748 My Commission Expires Oct 29, 2016

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## EXHIBIT B

#### INTERESTED PARTIES

The names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the Application Lands) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this <u>Exhibit B</u>.

Ursa Operating Company LLC 1050 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ste 2400 Denver, CO 80265

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Jennifer 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 Ursa Operating Company LLC, and on or before November 24, 2014, caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit B to the Application.

Jennifer Pittenger

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of November, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

TERESA L. PETERSON NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 19894002026 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT.4, 2017 Notary Public