

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF **SWN PRODUCTION COMPANY,** )  
LLC FOR AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH )  
AN APPROXIMATE 1200.00-ACRE )  
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR )  
CERTAIN LANDS IN SECTIONS 26, 27, )  
34, & 35, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE )  
92 WEST, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., AND TO APPROVE )  
UP TO 40 HORIZONTAL WELLS AND 4 )  
VERTICAL WELLS WITHIN THE UNIT, )  
FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, )  
UNNAMED FIELD, MOFFAT COUNTY, )  
COLORADO )

Docket No. 150300077

**AMENDED APPLICATION**

Whereas **Southwestern Energy Production Company** filed an application to space the lands below on December 22, 2014 (“Original Application”); and

Whereas **Southwestern Energy Production Company** subsequently changed its name with the Colorado Secretary of State and with the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission as Operator #10396; and

Whereas **Southwestern** (as defined below) will submit hearing notices for delivery to interested parties and for publication;

**Southwestern** hereby submits this Amended Application with changes to the Original Application in bold:

**SWN Production Company, LLC** (“Southwestern”), by and through its attorneys Burns, Figa, & Will, P.C., respectfully submits this Amended Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the “Commission”) for an order to establish an approximate 1200.00-acre drilling and spacing unit and to approve up to forty (40) horizontal wells and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation in the following lands:

Township 7 North, Range 92 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 26: W/2

Section 27: ALL

Section 34: N/2N/2

Section 35: N/2NW

Moffat County, Colorado, containing approximately 1200.00 acres (“Application Lands”), depicted in the attached Reference Map.

In support of its Application, Southwestern states and alleges as follows:

1. Southwestern is a corporation duly authorized to do business in Colorado and is registered as an operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Southwestern is an owner with the right to drill into and produce from the Application Lands.

3. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a., which provides that wells drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (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 Application Lands.

4. The top of the stratigraphic interval for the Niobrara formation is approximately 9,500 feet. The Niobrara formation is a common source of supply underlying the Application Lands.

5. The Application Lands contain no producing oil and/or gas wells. The Application Lands do include an approved location and APD. Southwestern intends to include this well within the drilling and spacing unit proposed in this Application. The establishment of the proposed drilling and spacing unit will result in efficient and economic development of the Application Lands.

6. Southwestern requests that the Commission establish an approximate 1200.00-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation. The proposed drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells.

7. Southwestern further requests that the Commission approve the drilling and completion of up to forty (40) horizontal and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, from locations anywhere within the unit, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources from the Niobrara formation, with the treated interval of each well to be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from the unit boundaries, and inter-well setbacks of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the treated interval of any other well producing from a common source of supply, without exception being granted by the Director. These locations and setbacks will promote economic and efficient drainage, protect correlative rights, and avoid waste. Surface locations for these wells shall be limited to eight (8) well pads.

8. The names and addresses of the interested parties, according to Southwestern's information and belief, are set forth in the attached Exhibit A, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within the next seven days, as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that the Commission enter an Order to:

- A. Establish an approximate 1200.00-acre drilling and spacing unit in the Application Lands; and
- B. Approve up to forty (40) horizontal and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, from locations anywhere within the unit, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources from the Niobrara formation, with the treated interval of each well to be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from the unit boundaries, and inter-well setbacks of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the treated interval of any other well producing from a common source of supply, without exception being granted by the Director. Surface locations for these wells shall be limited to eight (8) well pads.

DATED as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014, and amended on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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