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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PDC ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 320-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE CODELL FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, Jost & Shelton Energy Group, P.C., and makes this application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order to pool all interests within an approximate 320-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the Hill 6L-421 Well (API No. 05-123-36748) ("Well"), for the development of the Codell Formation on the following described lands:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 6: W½

320-acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado. Hereinafter "Application Lands"

In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells.

- 4. On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- 5. Applicant designated the 320-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation pursuant to Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.
- 6. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), hereby requests an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Codell Formation underlying the following approximate 320-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

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(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

- 7. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well to the Codell Formation on the Application Lands.
- 8. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 503.e., and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the Well, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 as applicable. The list of such interested parties is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 9. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Codell Formation, including any non-consenting interests therein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant 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, the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands and the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell Formation.

- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well in the Wellbore Spacing Unit to the Codell Formation on the Application Lands.
- C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Well drilled to develop the Codell Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.
- D. 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 March 2015, 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: January 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

PDC ENERGY/INC.

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#### **VERIFICATION**

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

John Krattenmaker, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Landman Team Leader - Wattenberg for PDC Energy, Inc., and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

John Krattenmaker

Landman Team Leader - Wattenberg PDC Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  $\frac{Q}{Q}$  day of January 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

TRACIE OWENS-YATES
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20054039521
My Commission Expires Mar. 5, 2018

My commission expires: 352018

**Notary Public** 

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)ss. )
state and declare that I am the attorn before theday of January 2015, I	and being first duly sworn upon my oath, ney for PDC Energy, Inc., and that on or caused a copy of the attached Application Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the ation.
	Jamie L. Jost
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of January, 2015.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
[SEAL]	
My commission expires: 9/18/19	<u>1</u> Ul

**Notary Public** 

DANIELLE E CARROLL Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID 20134059312 My Commission Expires Sep 18, 2017

### Exhibit A Hill 6L-421

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