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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF EE3 LLC FOR AN ORDER TO ALLOW 300 FOOT SETBACKS WITHIN THE SURPRISE FEDERAL EXPLORATORY UNIT, LOCATED IN TOWNSHIPS 6 AND 7 NORTH AND RANGES 79 WEST AND 80 WEST, FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No.

Docket No.

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW EE3 LLC, Operator No. 10450 ("EE3" or "Applicant"), 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 to allow 300 foot setbacks as to the unit boundaries of the Surprise Federal Exploratory Unit, composed of lands more specifically described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the efficient and economic development of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto as Exhibit B. In support of its Application, 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 leasehold interests or holds the right to operate on the lands described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereafter "Application Lands").
- 3. On February 25, 2008 the Commission entered Order No. 531-1, which among other things, established various drilling and spacing units for the drilling and completion of one horizontal well, with the option to drill a second horizontal well in each of the drilling and spacing units, with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 4, Township 6 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M. is subject to Order No. 531-1 for the Niobrara Formation.
- 4. On July 15, 2008 the Commission entered Order No. 531-2, which extended the provisions of Order No. 531-1 to additional lands. The effect of such extension was to establish various drilling and spacing units for the drilling and completion of one horizontal well, with the option to drill a second horizontal well in each of the drilling and spacing units, with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, for certain lands in Townships 6 and 7 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M., for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the

Niobrara Formation. Sections 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, Township 6 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M. are subject to Order No. 531-2 for the Niobrara Formation.

- 5. 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 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. The remainder of the Application Lands not subject to Order Nos. 531-1 or 531-2 are subject to Rule 318.a. for the Niobrara Formation and no other specific orders of the Commission.
- 6. The records of the Commission reflect that there are no wells currently producing from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.
- 7. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should allow for the treated interval of any horizontal well completed to the Niobrara Formation within the Surprise Federal Exploratory Unit to be no more than 300 feet from the boundary of the Surprise Federal Exploratory Unit, for the efficient and economic development of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 8. EE3 has filed concurrently herewith applications for reduced setbacks in certain fee lands adjacent to the Application Lands to the north, as well as for reduced setbacks in the Peterson Ridge Federal Exploratory Unit, which is adjacent to such fee lands to the north. The lands subject to such applications are shown on Exhibit B.
- 9. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party as required by Rule 507 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 in April 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 this \_\_\_\_ of February, 2015.

#### Respectfully submitted:

EE3 LLC

Ву:

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### Applicant's Address:

EE3 LLC

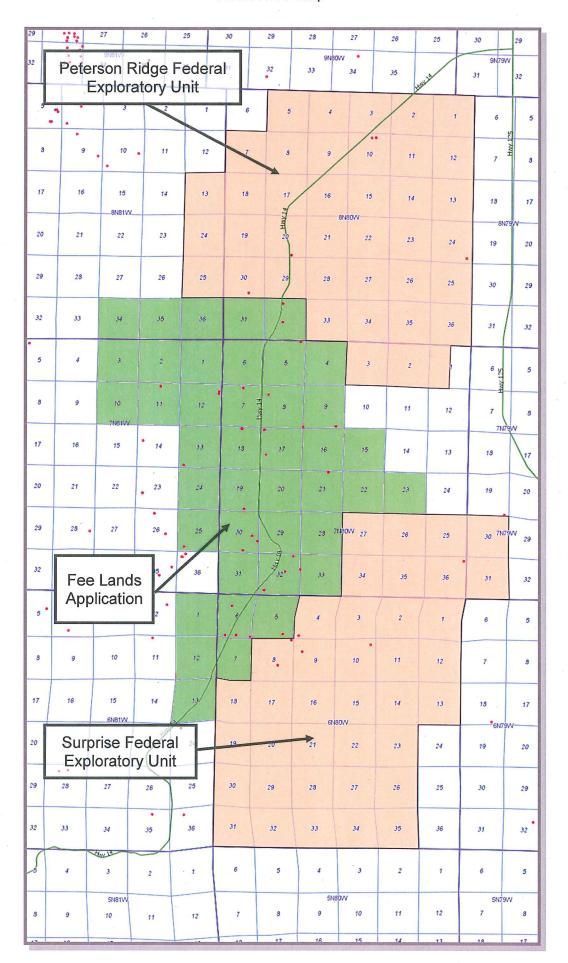
ATTN: Douglas C. Sandridge, Vice President - Land 4410 Arapahoe Avenue, Suite 100 Boulder, CO 80303

# Exhibit A Application Lands

### **Surprise Federal Exploratory Unit**

Township 6 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.
Section 1: All
Section 2: All
Section 3: All
Section 4: All
Section 8: All
Section 9: All
Section 10: All
Section 11: All
Section 12: All
Section 13: All
Section 14: All
Section 15: All
Section 16: All
Section 17: All
Section 18: All
Section 19: All
Section 20: All
Section 21: All
Section 22: All
Section 23: All
Section 26: All
Section 27: All
Section 28: All
Section 29: All
Section 30: All
Section 31: All
Section 32: All
Section 33: All
Section 34: All
Section 35: All
Township 7 North, Range 79 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30: All
Section 31: All
Township 7 North, Range 79 West, 6th P.M.
Section 25: All
Section 26: All
Section 27: All
Section 34: All
Section 35: All
Section 36: All
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Exhibit B Reference Map



### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY & COUNTY OF BOULDER	) ss. )
	/ Secretary for EE3 LLC, upon oath deposes and says Application and that the statements contained therein dge, information and belief.
	EE3 LLC
	Ruth Hartshorn Treasurer / Secretary
Subscribed and sworn to b Hartshorn, Treasurer / Secretary	pefore me this <u>12++-</u> day of February, 2015, by Ruth for EE3 LLC.
Witness my hand and office	ial seal.
My commission expires: O(0 · O/	4.2016
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V V	Notary Public

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#### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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

James P. Parrot of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for EE3 LLC, that on or before the 19th day of February, 2015, he caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

James P Rarrot

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of February, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 9-27-2017

JENNIFER PITTENGER
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID 20134062771
My Commission Expires S

Notary Public

# Exhibit 1 Interested Party List

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