

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NOBLE ENERGY, INC., FOR AN ORDER TO
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN TWO
APPROXIMATE 400-ACRE DESIGNATED
HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNITS
LOCATED IN SECTIONS 8, 9, 16 AND 17,
TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST, 6TH
P.M., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT/OPERATION
OF THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,
COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("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 two (2) approximate 400-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units for the drilling of the Mahalo State AA09-79HNC Well (API No. 05-123-39105), and the Mahalo State AA09-79-1HNB Well (API No. 05-123-39102) (collectively "Wells"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 9: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 16: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 17: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

400-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 the drilling of horizontal wells.

4. On March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-765, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for certain lands in Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-765 does not affect this Application.

5. On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-862, which among other things, approves the request for an order to affirm Order No. 407-765, pooling all interests, including previously unnoticed interests, in an approximate 640-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for the certain lands in Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-862 does not affect this Application.

6. On June 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1032, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for certain lands in Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1032 does not affect this Application.

7. Applicant designated the two (2) approximate 400-acre horizontal wellbore spacing units for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation pursuant to Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.

8. 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 within two (2) designated horizontal wellbore spacing units, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests and leased mineral interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing units:

Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.

Section 8: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 9: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 16: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 17: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

9. 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 Mahalo State AA09-79HNC Well (API No. 05-123-39105), or the Mahalo State AA09-79-1HNB Well (API No. 05-123-39102) to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

10. 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, including leased mineral interest owners, within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 507.b(2), 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 Wells, 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.

11. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the wellbore spacing units should be pooled for the orderly development of the Niobrara 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 two (2) approximate 400-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units established on Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara 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 Mahalo State AA09-79HNC Well (API No. 05-123-39105), or the Mahalo State AA09-79-1HNB Well (API No. 05-123-39102) to the Niobrara 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 Wells 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 Wells drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the wellbore spacing units comprising the Application Lands.

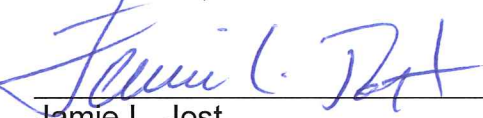
D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in May 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: March 19, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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VERIFICATION

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

Charles A. Snure, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Land Manager for Noble 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.


Charles A. Snure
Land Manager
Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

DOLORES SPRESSER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID # 20104017063
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 26, 2018

My commission expires: May 26, 2018



Notary Public

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 Jamie L. Jost

My commission expires: Dec/14/2018



Exhibit A – Interested Parties List

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