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

MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY IN THE ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC FOR AN ORDER AN ADDITIONAL SIX AUTHORIZING HORIZONTAL WELLS, FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) HORIZONTAL WELLS IN THE EXISTING DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED BY ORDER NO. 421-54 FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, AND AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) HORIZONTAL WELLS, FOR A TOTAL OF SIX (6) HORIZONTAL WELLS IN AN EXISTING DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED BY SAID ORDER NO. 421-54 FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE CODELL FORMATION; ALL FOR SECTIONS 16 (LOTS 1-4), 21 AND 28, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., HEREFORD FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

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### **APPLICATION**

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC, Operator No. 2800 ("Anadarko" 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: (1) authorize an additional six (6) horizontal wells, for a total of seven (7) horizontal wells, in the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54, for production from the Niobrara Formation, for Sections 16 (Lots 1-4), 21 and 28, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; and (2) authorize an additional five (5) horizontal wells, for a total of six (6) horizontal wells, in an existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54, for production from the Codell Formation, for Sections 16 (Lots 1-4), 21 and 28, Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. 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 has registered as an operator with the Commission.
- 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold and/or mineral interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 16: Lots 1-4 (lying and being within the state of Colorado)

Section 21: All Section 28: All

Approximately 1,318.71 acres, more or less, Weld County, CO ("Application Lands"). A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

- 3. Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 feet or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be 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 the Commission upon hearing.
- 4. On December 15, 2014, the Commission approved Order No. 421-54 which, among other things, established an approximate 1,318.71-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, and approved one horizontal well for the Codell Formation and one horizontal well for the Niobrara Formation within the unit, with the productive interval of each wellbore being no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary.

### 5. Niobrara Formation –Additional Wells

(a) Pursuant to §34-60-116(4), C.R.S., Applicant requests that an additional six (6) horizontal wells, for a total of seven (7) horizontal wells, be authorized within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54 for production from the Niobrara Formation, in order 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.

#### 6. Codell Formation – Additional Wells

- (a) Pursuant to §34-60-116(4), C.R.S., Applicant requests that an additional five (5) horizontal wells, for a total of six (6) horizontal wells, be authorized within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54 for production from the Codell Formation, in order 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.
- 7. Applicant states that any horizontal well to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 8. Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, the treated intervals of the wellbore shall be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 9. 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.

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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 <u>Exhibit B</u> 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. Authorizing an additional six (6) horizontal wells, for a total of seven (7) horizontal wells within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54 for production from the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands.
- B. Authorizing an additional five (5) horizontal wells, for a total of six (6) horizontal wells within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 421-54 for production from the Codell Formation for the Application Lands.
- C. For any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, the treated intervals of the wellbore shall be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- D. Providing that relief granted under this Application be effective on oral order by the Commission, relying on the Applicant's desire to be bound by said oral order.
- E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

### **ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC**

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### **VERIFICATION**

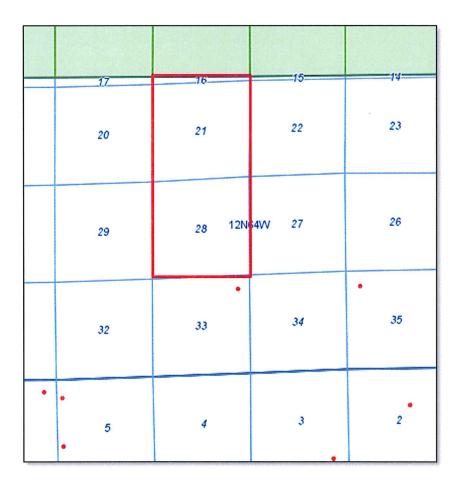
STATE OF COLORADO )
) ss. CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER )
Jason Rayburn, Senior Landman for Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.
ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC
Jason Rayburn \
Subscribed and sworn to before me thisday of May, 2015, by Jason Rayburn, Senior Landman for Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC.
Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires: 2/11/16 Katharine Multos
KATHARINE J. MULTER NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20084005039 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 02/11/2016

Exhibit A
Reference Map for Increased Density Application

Township 12 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

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<sup>\*</sup> Green shading indicates lands located in the state of Wyoming.

### **EXHIBIT B**

#### INTERESTED PARTIES

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

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## AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO ) ss. CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER

Jillian Fulcher, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is an attorney at Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., attorneys for Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC, and on or before May 6, 2015, 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.

Jittian Fulcher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

JENNIFER PITTENGER **Notary Public** State of Colorado Notary ID 20134062771 My Commission Expires Sep 27, 2017