

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR)
AN ORDER VACATING ORDER NO. 535-631,)
MODIFYING ORDER NO. 535-268 AS IT)
PERTAINS TO THE S½ OF SECTION 11 AND)
ALL OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH,)
RANGE 58 WEST, 6TH P.M., AND)
ESTABLISHING A 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND)
SPACING UNIT AND ALLOWING ADDITIONAL)
WELLS IN AN EXISTING 960-ACRE DRILLING)
AND SPACING UNIT APPLICABLE TO THE)
DRILLING AND PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM)
THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL FORMATIONS)
COVERING CERTAIN LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 11)
NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6TH P.M., WELD)
COUNTY, COLORADO.)

Cause No. 535

Docket No. 150900503

Type: Spacing &
Increased
Density

APPLICATION

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Applicant"), Operator No. 96155, by and through its attorneys, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order vacating Order No. 535-631, establishing a 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit covering Sections 23 and 26, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., modifying Order No. 535-268 as it pertains to Section 14 and the S½ of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., and approving additional wells and modified well setbacks in the new 1,280-acre and existing 960-acre drilling and spacing units described in this Application, applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: S½

Section 14: All

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 23: All

Section 26: All

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. Rule 318.a. provides that a well drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth 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 source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. There are no other specific Commission Orders applicable to the Codell Formation underlying the Application Lands.

3. By Order No. 535-268 dated February 11, 2013, the Commission approved an application establishing ten (10) approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and allowing up to four (4) horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The order further allows for the initial perforation and the bottomhole location to be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. The S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 11 and all of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

4. By Order No. 535-631 dated January 26, 2015, the Commission approved an application vacating a 640-acre unit established by Order No. 535-325 and established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit covering the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., allowing up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The order further allows the initial perforation and the bottomhole location to be no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 300 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. The S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order.

5. The Niobrara Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 5,777 feet (top of the Niobrara) and 6,101 feet (base of the Niobrara) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

6. The Codell Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 6,101 feet (top of Codell) and 6,115 feet (base of Codell) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Codell Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

7. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands and on lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

8. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, as of the date of this Application, no applications for permits to drill have been filed with the Commission covering lands subject to Order No. 535-631. The Commission approved a Form 2 filed by Carrizo Niobrara LLC (Operator

No. 10439) on June 5, 2013 for a well in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. Carrizo's Form 2 permit expired on June 4, 2015 on its own accord.

9. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations within the Application Lands and to avoid waste, the Commission should (1) vacate Order No. 535-631 in its entirety, (2) establish a 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit covering all of Sections 23 and 26, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., (3) modify Order No. 535-268 as it applies to the S½ of Section 11 and all of Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and (4) allow an appropriate number of wells, not to exceed 32 wells, in each 1,280 and 960-acre drilling and spacing unit covering the Application Lands in order to efficiently and economically recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

10. Applicant requests the surface location for each proposed horizontal well be located at a legal location in the above-described drilling and spacing units or on adjacent lands. Applicant further requests that the 150 foot distance between treated intervals of each wellbore established in Order No. 535-268 be amended and that the new setback be no closer than 100 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara and/or Codell Formations, and no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to owners of adjacent or cornering lands the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet, or the distance permitted in the adjacent or cornering lands, whichever is less, without exception being granted by the Director.

11. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the well density which allows the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations, prevents waste, does not adversely affect correlative rights, and assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Niobrara and Codell Formations. Applicant further maintains that a well drilled in the above-proposed drilling and spacing units will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

12. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within seven days after filing of the original application as required by Rules 503.e, 507.b.1, and 507.b.5.

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 consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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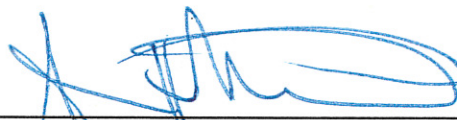
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Phone: 303-390-4261

VERIFICATION

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

Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman with Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, 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.

WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION

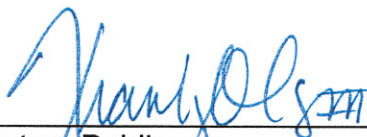


Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of July, 2015 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.

FRANK J. OLSEY III
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/31/2018



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-31-18

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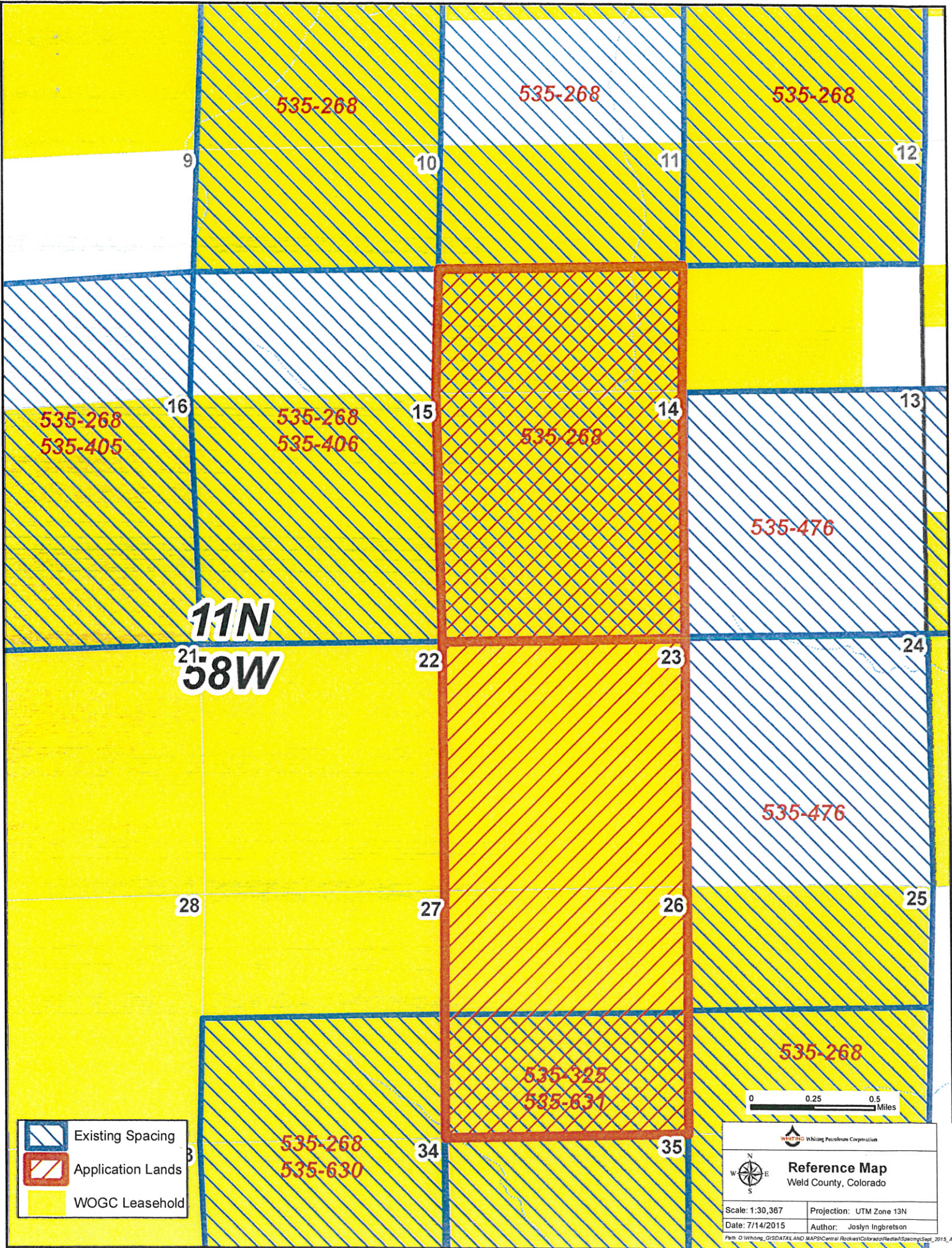
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	Existing Spacing
	Application Lands
	WOGC Leasehold

0 0.25 0.5 Miles

 Whiting Petroleum Corporation

 **Reference Map**
Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:30,367	Projection: UTM Zone 13N
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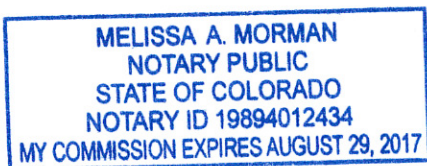
I, Chelsey J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before 20 July 2015, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Chelsey J. Russell
Chelsey J. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me July 20, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Melissa A. Morman
Notary Public
My commission expires: 8/29/2017