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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE 1.262.83-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTION 31. TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. AND SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., AND AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF UP TO SEVEN (7) HORIZONTAL WELLS IN THE PROPOSED UNIT FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

#### 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 establish an approximate 1,262.83-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 31, Township 12 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. and Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorize the drilling of up to seven (7) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
- Applicant owns substantial leasehold and/or mineral interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 12 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 31: All

Township 11 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 6:

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Approximately 1,262.83-acres, more or less, Weld County, ("Application Lands"). A map depicting the acreage comprising the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 3. 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. Niobrara Formation – Drilling and Spacing Unit

- (a) Applicant requests the Commission establish the Application Lands as an approximate 1,262.83-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Niobrara Formation pursuant to §34-60-116(2), C.R.S. and Rule 503.b.(1). For the Application Lands, the proposed drilling unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the horizontal wells proposed to be drilled under this Application and completed in the Niobrara Formation.
- (b) Applicant requests it be authorized to drill and complete up to seven (7) horizontal wells in the approximate 1,262.83-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation pursuant to §34-60-116(4), C.R.S., 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.
- (c) Applicant further requests that, for any permitted wells to be drilled within the proposed drilling and spacing unit, the treated intervals of the wellbore should be no closer than 330 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 5. 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.
- 6. A portion of the minerals underlying the proposed drilling and spacing unit are owned by the United States of America. As such, Applicant will obtain a Communitization Agreement from the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") upon approval of the proposed drilling and spacing unit.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 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, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

- A. Establishing an approximate 1,262.83-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorizing the drilling of up to seven (7) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated intervals of the wellbore of any permitted wells to be located not less than 330 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of any well being drilled or producing from the same formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- B. 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.
- C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable.

Dated: August 21, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC

By:

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Applicant's Address: Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC Jason Rayburn, Senior Landman 1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street

Denver, CO 80202

### **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 this 21 day of August, 2015, by Jason Rayburn, Senior Landman for Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC.					
Witness my hand and official seal.					
My commission expires: 9 21 2019  Notary Public					
KATHY ALGIENE NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO					

NOTARY ID 20034013016
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 09/21/2019

## Exhibit A Reference Map for Spacing Application

# Township 12 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. Section 31: All

### Township 11 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. Section 6: All

6	25	30	29	28 12N65W
5	36	31	32	33
2	1	6	5	4
1	12	7	8	9
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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 August 28, 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 A attached hereto.

Jillian Fulcher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2% day of August, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

TERESA L. PETERSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 19894002026
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT.4, 2017

Notary Public

### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **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 A</u>.

ABO Petroleum Corporation 105 S. 4th St. Artesia, NM 88210-2177

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Chesapeake Exploration, L.L.C. 6100 North Western P.O. Box 18496 Oklahoma City, OK 73154-0496

Cirque Brennsee, LLC 475 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1600 Denver, CO 80202

Elizabeth J. Cox P. O. Box 47 Cheyenne,WY 82003

Elizabeth J. Cox as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark T. Cox III
P. O. Box 47
Cheyenne, WY 82003

EOG Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 4362 Houston, TX 77210-4362

Estate of Elizabeth S. Cashman, deceased Unknown Cheyenne, WY 82009

Futura, LLC 9302 S. 83rd Ct. Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Hydrocarbon Minerals II, LLC 9302 S. 83rd Ct. Hickory Hills, IL 60457

Mariemont Properties, Inc 3429 Southwestern Blvd. Dallas, TX 75225

Midland Trust P. O. Box 9257 Dallas, TX 75209

MYCO Industries, Inc. 105 S. 4th St. Artesia, NM 88210-2177

Noble Energy, Inc. Attn: COGCC Land Coordinator 1625 Broadway St., Suite 2200 Denver, CO 80202 OOGC America, Inc. c/o CNOOC International Limited, P.O. Box 4705, No. 25 Chaoyangmenbei Dajie (Dongcheng District) Beijing, P.R. China 100010

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