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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PDC ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 280-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 28 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, Burleson LLP, 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 an approximate 280-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the Hunt Federal 28Y-314 Well (API No. 05-123-41946) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

Section 28: \$1/2\$1/2

Section 29: S½SE¼, SE¼SW¼

280 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 drilling of horizontal wells.

- 4. On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993) which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formations, the Codell Formation, and the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- 5. Applicant designated the 280-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit 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.
- 6. 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, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 280-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

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Section 29: S1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4

(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

- 7. 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 Well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 8. 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 within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 503.e., 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 Well, 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.
- 9. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 the Application Lands and the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 Well in the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 Well 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 Well drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 October 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: August  $\mathcal{H}$ , 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

PDC ENERGY, INC.

By:

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Denver, CO 80203

# **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
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	first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says PDC Energy, Inc., and that he has read the
	s therein contained are true to the best of his
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	Josh Wagner
	Senior Regional Landman PDC Energy, Inc.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of August 2015.	
Witness my hand and official seal.	A DALL SACONETY
	KRISTIE ANN MONEY NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO
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Notary Public	

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)ss. )
	and being first duly sworn upon my oath, ney for PDC Energy, Inc., and that on or

before the day of September 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of August 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

STATE OF COLORADO

[SEAL]

My commission expires:

**RACHEL FLEMING NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20144025048 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2018

### Exhibit A FP – Hunt Federal 28Y-314

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Alyce Pitts P.O. Box 21 Gilcrest, CO 80623

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Helen L. Keller Life Estate, remainder to Terri L. Burrous, and Russell D. Keller, as joint tenants 1009 13th Avenue Greeley, CO 80631

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Virgil N. Lorenz Trust 14845 Weld County Rd Platteville, CO 80651

Wanda J. Buderus and Ashley Blasy, as joint tenants 1408 Cedar Ridge Court Port Orchard, WA 98366

David W. Hunt and Kayleen J. Hunt, as joint tenants 14460 Weld County Rd. 40 Platteville, CO 80651

Department of Highways, State of Colorado 4201 E. Arkansas Ave. Denver, CO 80222 Robert Ybaben 185 W. Southern St., Apt. 204 Brighton, CO 80601

Santos T. Marroquin 103 3rd Street Gilcrest, CO 80623

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Strear Farms Company 6825 E. Tennessee, #235 Denver, CO 80224

B. Timothy Sullivan, Trustee of The Weld County Investment Company, a dissolved Colorado Corporation, Trust 12703 E. Asbury Circle, #E204 Aurora, CO 80014

M Squared Holdings, LLC 600 N. 2nd St. La Salle, CO 80645

Heirs or Devisees of Henry Keiser, deceased 1927 13th Street Greeley, CO 80631

Douglas M. Lorenz and Sherrilyn M. Lorenz, as joint tenants 318 Fossill Drive Johnstown, CO 80534

George Goodell P.O. Box 427 Eaton, CO 80615 Wilma M. Brooks, a/k/a/ Wilma Mae Brooks, a/k/a Wilma Brooks 2442 NW Market Street, #311 Seattle, WA 98107

McLeod Scientific, LLC 2107 Highland Court Bozeman, MT 59715

Esther May McLeod, Trustee of the Esther May McLeod Revocable Trust Agreement dated October 17, 2002 575 Northstar Loop Cheyenne, WY 82009

Smith Family Mineral Trust P.O. Box 537 Belle Fourche, SD 57717

The Farmer's Independent Ditch Company 3005 W. 29th Street Greeley, CO 80631

The Anita M. Wheeler Trust dated June 25, 1985, as amended June 3, 1988, August 14, 1992 and January 27, 2004 1595 Mount Pleasant Road Port Angeles, WA 98362

States Royalty Limited Partnership P.O. Box 911 Breckenridge, TX 76424

Kurt C. Heinrich 9577 Peach Street Girard, PA 16417

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Noble Energy, Inc. 1625 Broadway, Suite 2200 Denver, CO 80202

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Guadalupe Juares
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Claudio Jemimo No last known address of record

Jose Bargas No last known address of record

Epifanio Negrete No last known address of record

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