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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY. LLC FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 80-ACRE **AND** DRILLING SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION. WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY. COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Great Western Operating Company, LLC (Operator No. 10110) ("Great Western" 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 80-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the H-Y 20-34 Well (API No. 05-123-35435) ("Well"), for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. Section 20: W½SE¼

80 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. On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-835, which among other things, approved the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for certain lands in Section 20, Township 6 North, range 76 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-835 does not affect this Application.
- 6. On March 2, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1238, which among other things, approved the request for an order to 1) vacate the pooling provisions entered by Order No. 407-1025 for five approximate 320-acre designated wellbore spacing units established for the N½ of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations; 2) pool all interests in seven approximate 400-acre to 640-acre designated wellbore spacing units, including portions of the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-1238 does not affect this Application.
- 7. 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 Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 80-acre Drilling and Spacing Unit:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. Section 20: W½SE¼

(throughout as "Drilling and Spacing Unit").

- 8. 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 Codell-Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 9. 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.

10. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Drilling and Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Codell-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 Drilling and Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell-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 Drilling and Spacing Unit to the Codell-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 Codell-Niobrara Formation in the Drilling and 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 <u>77</u>, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY, LLC

By:

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.)
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Hal Writer, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Land Manager for Great Western Operating Company, LLC, 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.

Hal Writer

Land Manager

Great Western Operating Company, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of August 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

CHRISTEN NICOLE JACKSON

NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID # 20134040032
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2017

My commission expires: 6-24-2017

Notary Public

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STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)ss.)
state and declare that I am the attorne LLC, and that on or before the	e, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, ey for Great Western Operating Company, ay of September 2015, I caused a copy of sited in the United States Mail, postage I on Exhibit A to the Application.
	Zachary P. Sears
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	2nd day of September 2015.
Witness my hand and official seal. [SEAL]	RACHEL FLEMING NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20144025048 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2018
My commission expires: June 24	, 2018
Notary Public Stanny	

Exhibit A FP – H-Y 20-34

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Christine Kadlub Solomon 906 East Dona Street, Cheyenne, WY 82009

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