

**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 240-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 26 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	CAUSE NO. 407  DOCKET NO.  TYPE: POOLING
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**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 240-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the Kodak North FD 27-062HN Well (API No. 05-123-39384) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 26: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 27: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

240-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 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1090, which among other things, approved Great Western Operating Company, LLC's request for an order to among other things: Pool all interests in an approximate 480-acre wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1090 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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. On July 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1401, which among other things, pooled all interests in two approximate 560-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing units, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-1401 does not affect this Application.

8. Applicant designated the 240-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.

9. 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 240-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 26: N½NW¼  
Section 27: N½N½

(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 December 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: October 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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LLC**

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## VERIFICATION

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

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.

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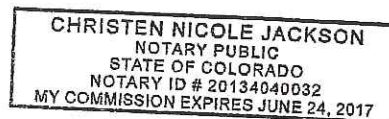
Hal Writer  
Land Manager  
Great Western Operating Company,

LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]



My commission expires: 6-24-2017

Christen Jackson  
Notary Public

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Joseph M. Evers

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**Exhibit A**  
**FP – Kodak North FD 27-062HN**

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