

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO  
VACATE ORDER NO. 407-1195, AND TO  
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE  
404.19-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL  
WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS  
OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, TOWNSHIP 3  
NORTH, RANGE 65 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 Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Noble" 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 vacate Order No. 407-1195, and to pool all interests within an approximate 404.19-acre designated horizontal Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the Moser H22-748 Well (API No. 05-123-40881) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 15: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 22: E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

404.19 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 April 4, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-393, which among other things, approves the request for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre exploratory wellbore spacing unit for Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approve two horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-393 does not affect this Application.

6. On April 16, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-610, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of the S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Frank PC H22-20D Well (API No. 05-123-32579), for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-610 does not affect this Application.

7. On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-794, which among other things, approves the request for an order to affirm Order No. 407-610, pooling all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-794 does not affect this Application.

8. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1177, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 404.19-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1177 does not affect this Application.

9. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1178, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 404.19-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1178 does not affect this Application.

10. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1191, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 403.87-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1191 does not affect this Application.

11. On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1193, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 567.25-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1193 does not affect this Application.

12. On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1194, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 404.19-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1194 does not affect this Application.

13. On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1195, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 485.40-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Applicant requests that Order No. 407-1195 be vacated.

14. Applicant designated the 404.19-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.

15. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), hereby requests that Order No. 407-1195 be vacated, and all interests be pooled in the Wellbore Spacing Unit, including any non-consenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 404.19-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, for the drilling of the Moser H22-748 Well (API No. 05-123-40881):

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(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

16. Applicant requests that the Commission's order vacating Order No. 407-1195, and pooling all interests within the Wellbore Spacing Unit, including the application of the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116(7), 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.

17. 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.

18. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, Order No. 407-1195 should be vacated, and 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. Vacating Order No. 407-1195.

B. Pooling all interests in an approximate 404.19-acre designated horizontal Wellbore Spacing Unit established on Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara Formation.

C. Providing that the Commission's order vacating Order No. 407-1195, and pooling all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit, 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.

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<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

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## VERIFICATION

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

Charles A. Snure, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc., 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.

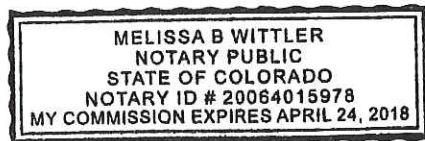
*Mary Ann*

Charles A. Snure  
Land Manager  
Noble Energy, Inc.

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: 04/24/2018


Melissa B. Wether  
Notary Public

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

My commission expires: June 24, 2018

Notary Public

*Robert Fleming*

**Exhibit A**  
**RP – Moser H22-748**

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