

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER VACATING ORDER NOS. 535-268 AND 535-69 AS THEY APPLY TO THE APPLICATION LANDS, ESTABLISHING TWO 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS AND ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION RULES APPLICABLE TO THE DRILLING AND PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL FORMATIONS COVERING CERTAIN LANDS IN TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6TH P.M., WELD COUNTY, COLORADO.

Cause No. 535
Docket No. 160100022
Type: SPACING AND INCREASED DENSITY

APPLICATION

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Applicant"), Operator No. 96155, by and through its attorneys, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order vacating Order Nos. 535-268 and 535-69 as they pertain to Sections 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., establishing two (2) approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units and establishing well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the following lands ("Application Lands"):
Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.
Section 14: All
Section 23: All
Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.
Section 26: All
Section 35: All

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and 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.

Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Codell Formation.

3. On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-268, which established ten (10) approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to four (4) horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 14, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order.

4. On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-325, which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved up to six horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Section 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this Order.

5. On January 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-631, which vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-325 and established a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, allowing for up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 26 and 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

6. On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 535-694, which vacated Order No. 535-631, modified Order No. 535-268 as it applies to an existing 960-acre drilling and spacing unit to include the Codell Formation, establish an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit, and approve up to 32 additional horizontal wells within each drilling and spacing unit. Sections 14, 23 and 26, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. are subject to this Order.

7. The Niobrara Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 5,777 feet (top of the Niobrara) and 6,101 feet (base of the Niobrara) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

8. The Codell Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 6,101 feet (top of Codell) and 6,115 feet (base of Codell) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. The Codell Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

9. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara and Codell Formations on lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

10. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations within the Application Lands and to avoid waste, the Commission should vacate Order Nos. 535-268 and 535-694 as they pertain to Sections 14, 23, 26 and 35, Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. and establish two (2) approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units covering the

Application Lands described below for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations:

DSU #1

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 14: All

Section 23: All

DSU #2

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 26: All

Section 35: All

11. Applicant is requesting to drill and complete one (1) horizontal well in each of the two (2) approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing units described above, with the option to drill and complete up to a total of thirty-two (32) horizontal wells in each unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the Application Lands with the surface location to be located at a legal location in the above described drilling and spacing unit or on adjacent lands. Applicant further requests that the treated interval of each wellbore be no closer than 100 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara and/or Codell Formations, and no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary unless such boundary abuts or corners lands for which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary. If the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted to the owners of the adjacent or cornering lands the right to locate the treated interval of the wellbore no closer than 100 feet from a unit boundary, then the treated interval of the wellbore shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundary, without exception being granted by the Director.

12. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the well density which allows the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara and Codell Formations, prevents waste, does not adversely affect correlative rights, and assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Niobrara and Codell Formations. Applicant further maintains that wells drilled in the above-proposed drilling and spacing units will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

13. Applicant further requests that the wells are drilled from no more than eight (8) well pads within each unit.

14. Applicant requests that upon the date of first production from the initial well drilled in each unit requested in this Application, any existing wells will be integrated into the new drilling and spacing unit.

15. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each

interested party within seven days after filing of the original application as required by Rules 503.e, 507.b.1, and 507.b.5.

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 consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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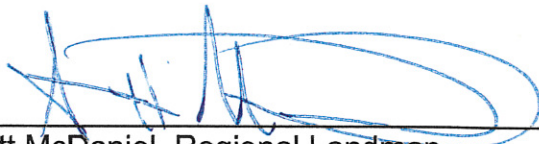
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VERIFICATION

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

Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman with Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, 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.

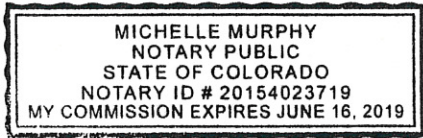
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION



Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 2015 by Scott McDaniel, Regional Landman for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.





Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 6/16/19

EXHIBIT A

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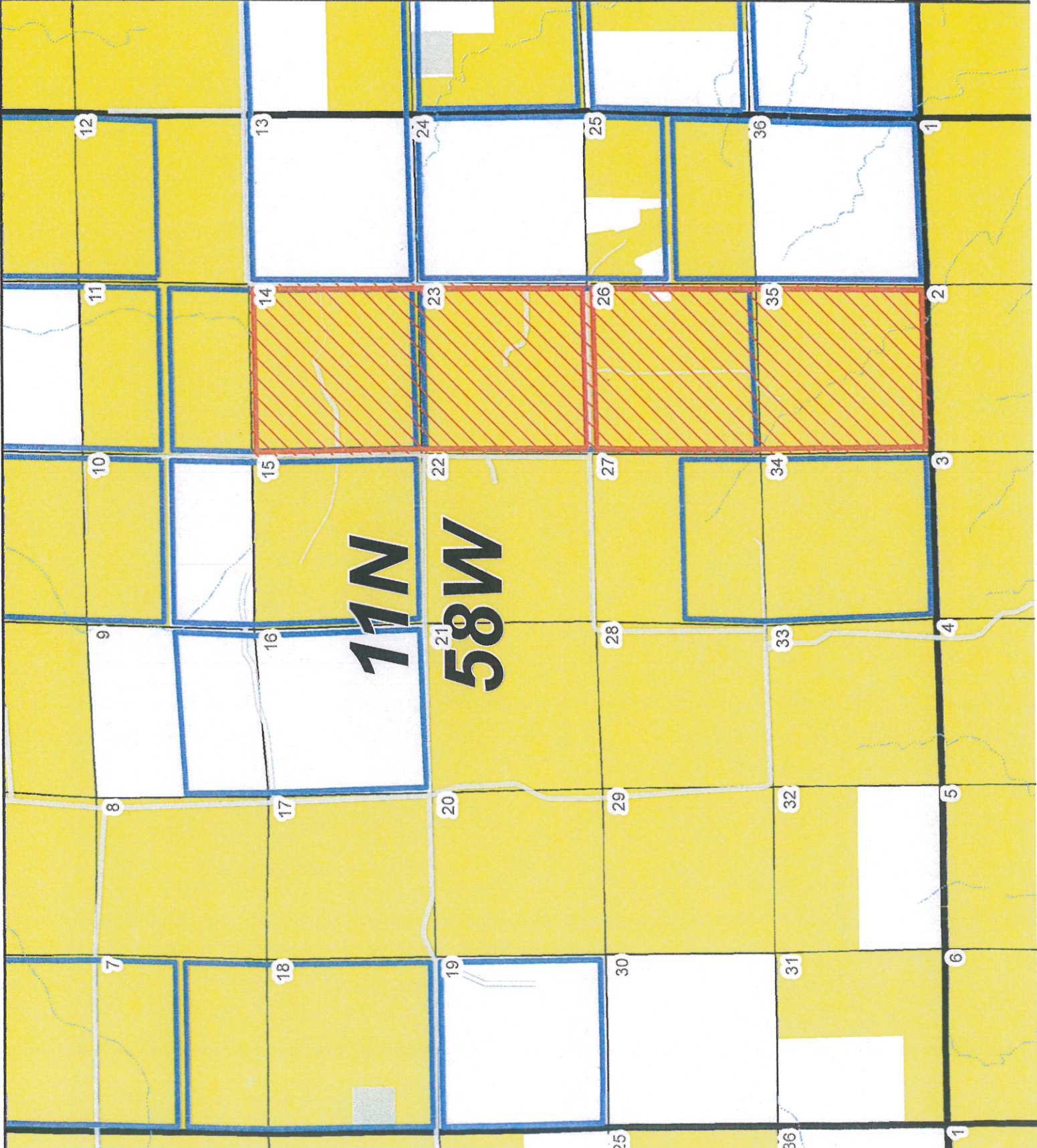


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	Application Lands
	Existing Spacing Units
	WOGC Leasehold
	Open Federal Land



Kittling Wildlife Services Corporation
Reference Plat
Weid County, Colorado
Scale: 1:45,704 | Projection: UTM Zone 13N
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I, Chelsey J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

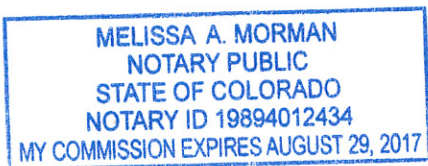
That I am the attorney for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation and that on or before November 30, 2015, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Chelsey Russell

Chelsey J. Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me December 1, 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Melissa A. Morman

Notary Public
My commission expires: 8/29/2017