

**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
160-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL
WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS
OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH,
RANGE 63 WEST, 6TH 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 160-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the R&R Farms 29Q-241RD Well (API No. 05-123-42253) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.
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160 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 September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1433, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1433 does not affect this Application.

5. On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1434, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1434 does not affect this Application.

6. On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1436, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1436 does not affect this Application.

7. On September 14, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1437, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1437 does not affect this Application.

8. On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1466, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1466 does not affect this Application.

9. On October 26, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1468, which among other things, approves the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit, for the development of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1468 does not affect this Application.

10. Applicant designated the 160-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.

11. 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 160-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

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(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 January 2016, 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: November 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

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VERIFICATION

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

Josh Wagner, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Senior Regional Landman for PDC 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.



Josh Wagner
Senior Regional Landman
PDC Energy, Inc.

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL] 

My commission expires: 3/5/2018



Notary Public

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I, Zachary P. Sears of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare that I am the attorney for PDC Energy, Inc., and that on or before the 1st day of December 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.

Zachary P. Sears
Zachary P. Sears

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November 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

Rachel Fleming
Notary Public

Exhibit A
FP – R&R Farms 29Q-241RD

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