

**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 TWO APPROXIMATE 480-  
ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL  
WELLBORE SPACING UNITS 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

**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 two (2) approximate 480-acre Wellbore Spacing Units, as defined below, for the drilling of the Kodak South FD 27-299HN Well (API No. 05-123-40801) in WSU #1, and the Kodak South FD 27-339HN Well (API No. 05-123-40807) in WSU #2 (collectively, the "Wells"), 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: SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Section 27: S $\frac{1}{2}$

480 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. Applicant designated the two (2) 480-acre Wellbore Spacing Units 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.

6. 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 480-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the drilling of the Kodak South FD 27-299HN Well (API No. 05-123-40801):

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 26: SW¼  
Section 27: S½

(throughout as "WSU #1").

7. 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 in the WSU #1, on the Application Lands.

8. 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 480-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the drilling of the Kodak South FD 27-339HN Well (API No. 05-123-40807):

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

Section 26: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 27: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

(throughout as "WSU #2").

9. 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 in the WSU #2, on the Application Lands.

10. 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 Wells, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 as applicable.

11. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Units 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 Units 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 Wells in WSU #1 or WSU #2 in the Wellbore Spacing Units 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 Wells 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 Wells drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Units 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:

**GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY,  
LLC**

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VERIFICATION

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

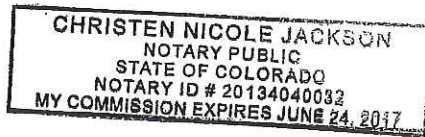
Steve Stacy, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is the Senior Vice President Land for Great Western Operating Company, LLC, and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

  
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Steve Stacy  
Senior Vice President Land  
Great Western Operating Company, LLC

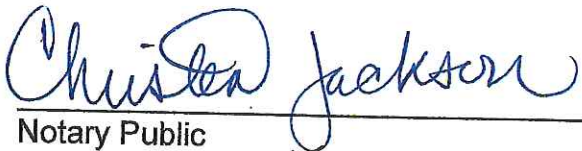
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]



My commission expires: 6-24-2017

  
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Notary Public

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STATE OF COLORADO             )  
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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 Great Western Operating Company, LLC, and that on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 – Kodak South FD 27-299HN, 27-339HN**

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