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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	CAUSE NO. 535
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION, FOR)	
AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE CODELL FORMATION COVERING CERTAIN)	DOCKET NO. 161200486
LANDS IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, TOWNSHIP)	TYPE: POOLING
10 NORTH, RANGE 57 WEST, 6TH P.M.,)	THE. TOOLING
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	
COLORADO.)	

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 pooling all interests in an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the S½ of Section 30 and all of Section 31, Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.
- 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 10 North, Range 57 West, 6th P.M.

Section 30: S½
Section 31: All

- 3. On September 16, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-413, which established six approximate 960-acre and two 640-acre drilling and spacing units and approved up to sixteen horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.
- 4. On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 535-508, which modified Order No. 535-413, 535-413, 535-414, and 535-471 to include the Codell Formation in the established drilling and spacing units and approved up to thirty-two horizontal wells within each approximate 640 to 960-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.

- 5. Applicant drilled and completed, or plans to drill and complete in the near future, the following wells on the Application Lands (the "Horsetail Wells"):
 - (a) The Horsetail 30E-3135 Well (API No. 05-123-42875) spud on or about October 3, 2016, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation;
 - (b) The Horsetail 30E-3139 Well (API No. 05-123-43032) has an estimated spud date of February 10, 2017, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation; and
 - (c) The Horsetail 30E-3143 Well (API No. 05-123-43039) has an estimated spud date of January 6, 2017, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation.
- 6. Applicant requests that the order entered as a result of this Application be made effective retroactive to the date of this Application or the date that the costs specified in Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., were first incurred for the drilling of the Horsetail Wells or any other well authorized by Order No. 535-508, whichever is earlier.
- 7. Applicant further requests that for any other Codell Formation well authorized under Commission Order No. 535-508, if any owner to whom notice is delivered as provided in Commission Rule 530 and who does not elect in writing to lease or participate in such well within the 35-day notice period provided by Commission Rule 530, then such owner shall be deemed nonconsenting as to the proposed well and subject to the cost recovery provisions of Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., but only if the proposed well is commenced no later than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the 35-day notice period and completed with due diligence, provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice by the operator to the other parties for reasons of force majeure. If a proposed well is not commenced prior to or within ninety (90) days after expiration of the thirty-five (35) day notice period (including any extension thereof caused by force majeure) and completed with due diligence, then written notice proposing such well must be resubmitted to all parties in accordance with Commission Rule 530 as if no prior proposal had been made, and the parties shall have a new 35-day period within which to lease or consent to participate in such well.
- 8. Applicant further requests that in order to obtain cost recovery under Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for any other Codell Formation well authorized under Commission Order No. 535-508, that Applicant need only submit a certification to the Commission that it has complied with Rule 530 for any such well.
- 9. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at Section 34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the Commission Rules.
- 10. The names and addresses of the interested parties (persons who own an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled, except owners of overriding royalty interest) are attached hereto and marked Exhibit A. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all locatable interested parties to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as

required by Commission Rule 507.b(2), and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the protest deadline, each such owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the respective wells, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530.

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:

- A. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell Formation;
- B. Providing that the pooling order is made effective as of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in Section 34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Horsetail Wells or any other well authorized by Order No. 535-508 on the Application Lands, whichever is earlier;
- 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 Horsetail Wells, are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to, Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof; and
- D. Providing that for any other Codell Formation well authorized under Commission Order No. 535-508, if any owner to whom notice is delivered as provided in Commission Rule 530 does not elect in writing to lease or participate in such well within the 35-day notice period provided by Commission Rule 530, then such owner shall be deemed nonconsenting as to the proposed well and subject to the cost recovery provisions of Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., but only if the proposed well is commenced no later than ninety (90) days after the expiration of the 35-day notice period and completed with due diligence, provided, however, said commencement date may be extended upon written notice by the operator to the other parties for reasons of force majeure. If a proposed well is not commenced prior to or within ninety (90) days after expiration of the notice period of thirty-five (35) days (including any extension thereof caused by force majeure) and completed with due diligence, then written notice proposing such well must be resubmitted to all parties in accordance with Commission Rule 530 as if no prior proposal had been made, and the parties shall have a new 35-day period within which to lease or consent to participate in such well;
- E. Providing that in order for Applicant to obtain cost recovery under Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for any other Codell Formation well authorized under Commission Order No. 535-508, Applicant need only submit a certification to the Commission that it has complied with Rule 530 for any such well; and
- F. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

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 12 day of October, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

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VERIFICATION

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

Michelle Murphy, and Tech III 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 her knowledge, information and belief.

WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION

Michelle Murphy, Land Tech I/I

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of October, 2016 by Michelle Murphy, Land Tech III for Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation.

Witness my hand and official seal.

FRANK J. OLSEY III NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20104034633 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/31/2018

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

8-31-18

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Royalty Interest Owners

Narberth Investment Company Atomic Capital Minerals, LLC Christopher Paldino Acoma Energy, LLC Timbro Ranch & Cattle Co.. LLC McGhee Investment Company, LLC Karen Jean Ames Jamie Paul Shoemaker Janice Arlene Simmons Ardice Kay Bourg E & R Royalty Company Charter Royalty 96, Ltd. Marie P. Gower and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to First Interstate Bank of Denver, N.A., as Co-Trustees of the Frank H. Gower Family Trust Mark A. Gower and Bette Will Gower, joint tenants Mauzy's CFO, LLC Gower Family LLC Gower Oil and Gas, LLC Steven H. Gower Rearden Minerals, LLC Bank of America, N.A., Trustee of Minnie K. Patton Scholarship Foundation Michael B. Collins Paul Davis, LTD ChivoOil, LLC Ann Boyd Royall Rebecca Royall Rebecca Royall, Trustee of the Rebecca Royall Trust under the Will of Tucker K. Rovall Rebecca Royall, Trustee of the Rebecca Royall Trust

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C. James Prieur and Karen A. Prieur, joint tenants George Dewitt & Lorraine R. **Boice Living Trust** Kirk Duane Kirkegaard Profit Sharing Plan, Kirk Kirkegaard, Trustee Jason Meserow and Christina Meserow, joint tenants Layne G. Johnson Layton D. Johnson Landyn G. Johnson Johnson Holdings, LLC George A. Longo Grace Wealth Management, LLC Kurt G. Hofer and Maria G. Hofer David F. Metz Trust Phyllis Fisher and Keith Fisher Phillip J. Carland Kenneth B. Lyons Thomas C. Hansen II TR UA Helen Hansen CST, Thomas C. Hansen II, Trustee Natcat Investments, LLC **Doug Gorans** Fidelity Venture Capital, LTD Advantaira Trust, LLC FBO David Kennedy #7237601 Pat and Randi Family, LLC Don J. Heinrich Dennis L. Sult Randall Wayne Donald and Teresa Kay Donald, as joint tenants Joel O. Johnson 2009 Revocable Trust Liang Rong Hsu

Futura, LLC

Advantaira Trust, LLC FBO Wayne Farthing #7124601 Richard H. Thompson 1022 Investments, L.P., Richard C. Latham, General Partner Thomas E. Shows and Edna M. Shows, joint tenants Starbridge Group, LLC Dr. Felix Jeaede Wade C. Lewis Barbara Ann Pierce Derald Casteel and Gloria Casteel, joint tenants IRA Resources, Inc. FBO Roger P. Lundberg Roth IRA 35-22169

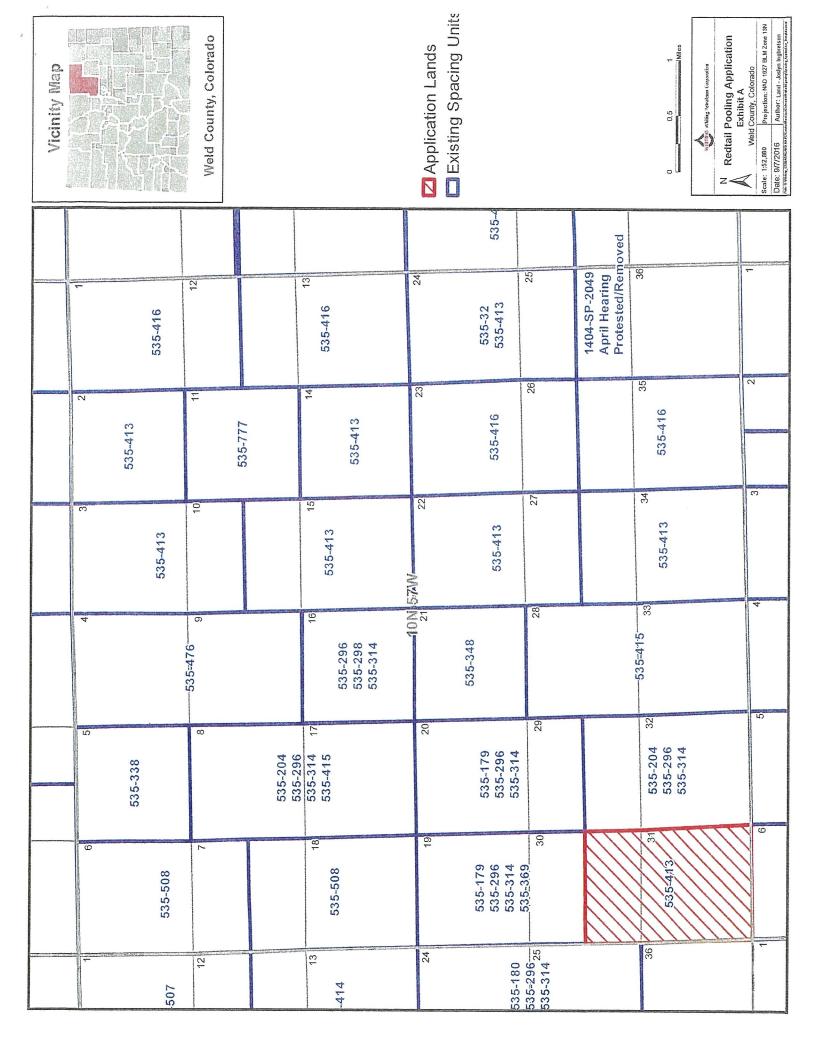
Patel Revocable Living Trust dated March 12, 2014 Trust II Created Pursuant to the Eugene R. Kirkpatrick Revocable Trust dated August 13, 2005 FBO Gary Kirkpatrick Joseph Vandehey and Julie Vandeyhey, joint tenants ELSR, LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, Bengal Jones Group LLC, General Partner S. Frank Culberson NOSA Investments, LLC AEI Holdings, LLC Hydrocarbon Holdings, LTD

Regional Marketing Group. LLC The Thomas and Heather **Buckley Living Trust dated** August 23, 2012, Thomas J. Buckley, Trustee Ingraham Living Trust dated August 14, 1998 Natalia Lewallen William R. Maddy Dorothy Parker Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP Melanie Clifford Nedrud as the Trustee of the Melanie Nedrud Revocable Trust u/t/a dated January 27, 2000

Unleased Mineral Owners

Craig T. Clifford as Trustee of the Clifford Family Intervivos Trust u/t/a dated June 13, 1991 Hutton Oil WOG Co LLC

Working Interest Owners
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Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation



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I, Joseph C. Pierzchala, 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 October 17, 2016, 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me October //, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

MELISSA A. MORMAN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 19894012434 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 29, 2017 Notary Public
My commission expires: 7/29/2017