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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF **BAYSWATER EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION,** LLC FOR AN ORDER ALL POOLING INTERESTS IN THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS IN FOUR APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE WELLBORE SPACING UNITS AND TWO APPROXIMATE 320-ACRE **WELLBORE** SPACING UNITS LOCATED IN SECTIONS 29, AND 30, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST, 6TH P.M., WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO.

Cause No. 407

Docket No. 161200503

Type: POOLING

## APPLICATION

Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC ("Bayswater" or "Applicant"), Operator No. 10261, 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" or "COGCC") for an order pooling all interests in (1) four approximate 640-acre wellbore spacing units ("WSU") and (2) two approximate 320-acre WSUs covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado for development and production from the Codell (WSU Nos. 1 and 6) and Niobrara (WSU Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5) Formations. In support thereof, the Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Applicant owns a leasehold interest in the WSUs comprised of the following lands ("Application Lands"):

WSU Nos. 1 and 2:

 Township 7 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

 Section 29:
 S½N½, N½S½

 Section 30:
 S½N½, N½S½

## WSU Nos. 3 and 4:

Township 7 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M. Section 29: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Section 30: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> WSU Nos. 5 and 6:

Township 7 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M. Section 29: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Section 30: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Weld County, Colorado.

Reference maps of the Application Lands are attached hereto.

3. Rule 318A.a.(4)D. provides, in relevant part, that where a drilling and spacing unit does not exist for a horizontal well, the horizontal wellbore spacing unit shall be comprised of the governmental quarter-quarter sections in which the wellbore lateral penetrates the productive formation as well as any governmental quarter-quarter sections that are located less than four hundred sixty (460) feet from the portion of the wellbore lateral that penetrates the productive zone regardless of section or quarter section lines. Rule 318A.a.(4)D. further provides that a horizontal wellbore spacing unit may overlap portions of another horizontal wellbore spacing unit or other wellbore spacing unit designated in accordance with subsection a.(4)C.

4. Applicant intends to drill the following wells in the Application Lands, each of which is located in a separate WSU established pursuant to Rule 318A.

(a) **WSU No. 1**: Thornton K-29-30HC well (API# 05-123-43599), estimated spud date is November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Codell Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(b) **WSU No. 2**: Thornton L-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43592), estimated spud date of November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Niobrara Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(c) **WSU No. 3**: Thornton I-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43609), estimated spud date of November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Niobrara Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(d) **WSU No. 4**: Thornton J-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43596), estimated spud date of November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Niobrara Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(e) **WSU No. 5**: Thornton G-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43598), estimated spud date of November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Niobrara Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(f) **WSU No. 6**: Thornton H-29-30HC well (API# 05-123-43589), estimated spud date of November 1, 2016. The above-described horizontal well is designed to test and produce oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the **Codell Formation** underlying the Application Lands.

(collectively, the "Thornton Wells").

5. Pursuant to the relevant provisions of Section 34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and COGCC Rule 530, Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell Formation in WSU Nos. 1 and 6and for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation in WSU Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

6. Applicant certifies that, at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the date of the scheduled protest deadline for this Application, each owner which Applicant was able to locate, not already leased or voluntarily pooled, will be provided with the well proposal and information required by Rule 530 and tendered a reasonable offer to lease (if an unleased mineral owner), or participate and bear costs associated with the drilling and completion of the Thornton Wells.

7. Applicant requests that a pooling order be entered as a result of this Application and that it be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date costs specified in Section 34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of each of the Thornton Wells, in or with respect to each separate WSU.

8. The granting of this Application would be in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at Section 34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and Commission rules.

9. The names 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 <u>Exhibit A</u>. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all locatable interested parties 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 date of the scheduled protest deadline for this Application, 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 in WSU Nos. 1 and 6 and for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation in WSU Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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 following wells in the following units:

WSU No. 1 - Thornton K-29-30HC well (API# 05-123-43599) - Codell Formation

WSU No. 2 – Thornton L-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43592) – Niobrara Formation WSU No. 3 – Thornton I-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43609) – Niobrara Formation WSU No. 4 – Thornton J-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43596) – Niobrara Formation WSU No. 5 – Thornton G-29-30HN well (API# 05-123-43598) – Niobrara Formation WSU No. 6 – Thornton H-29-30HC well (API# 05-123-43589) – Codell Formation

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 authorized 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.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the Application Lands.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

By:

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Applicant's Address:

730 Seventeenth Street, Suite 610 Denver, CO 80202 Attn: Blake Leavitt, DJ Basin Landman Phone: 303-893-2503

#### VERIFICATION

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STATE OF COLORADO

**CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER** 

Blake Leavitt, DJ Basin Landman with Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC, 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.

> **BAYSWATER EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION, LLC**

Blake Leavitt, DJ Basin Landman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of October, 2016 by Blake Leavitt, DJ Basin Landman for Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.



Notary Public My Commission Expires: 2/25/2020

## EXHIBIT A INTERESTED PARTIES

#### Royalty Owners

J. Paul Sorelle William F. Maulsby & Karin E. Maulsby Anadarko Land Corp. Betty Jane Bechtholdt Beth Killgore Beverly Alvin Rudd Billy C. & Roberta J. Overman Bradley Earl Adler, Trustee of the Lois Arlene Barnaby Revocable Trust Christina Ann & Justin Leroy Betz City of Thornton Clair B. Orr Trust dtd 5/4/2009

Clarence David Hergert Corv Frederick Steen Don A. Seastone Earl Eugene Stewart **Gibbs Minerals LLC** Ida Darlene Spitler J2 Mineral LLC Jacob Hirsch, III James H. Hessler Jerry Rudd John Todd Burroughs Joyce Arlene Wykert Weber Karen Bowker Karen Burroughs Allen Karla Stacie Bozarth Kelly Sue Foster Kenneth Gordon Hyde

Kim Sheri West LaMar Lance Steen Laura Cahill Lawrence Everett Stewart Lynda Kammerzell Mardi Lee Steen Randle Patricia Hergert Sally Ann Miller Sandra L. Bradley Wesley Hall Donald L. Rothearmel & Joan E. Rotharmel Donna Jean Faries Randy M. Rohrig

#### Unleased Owners

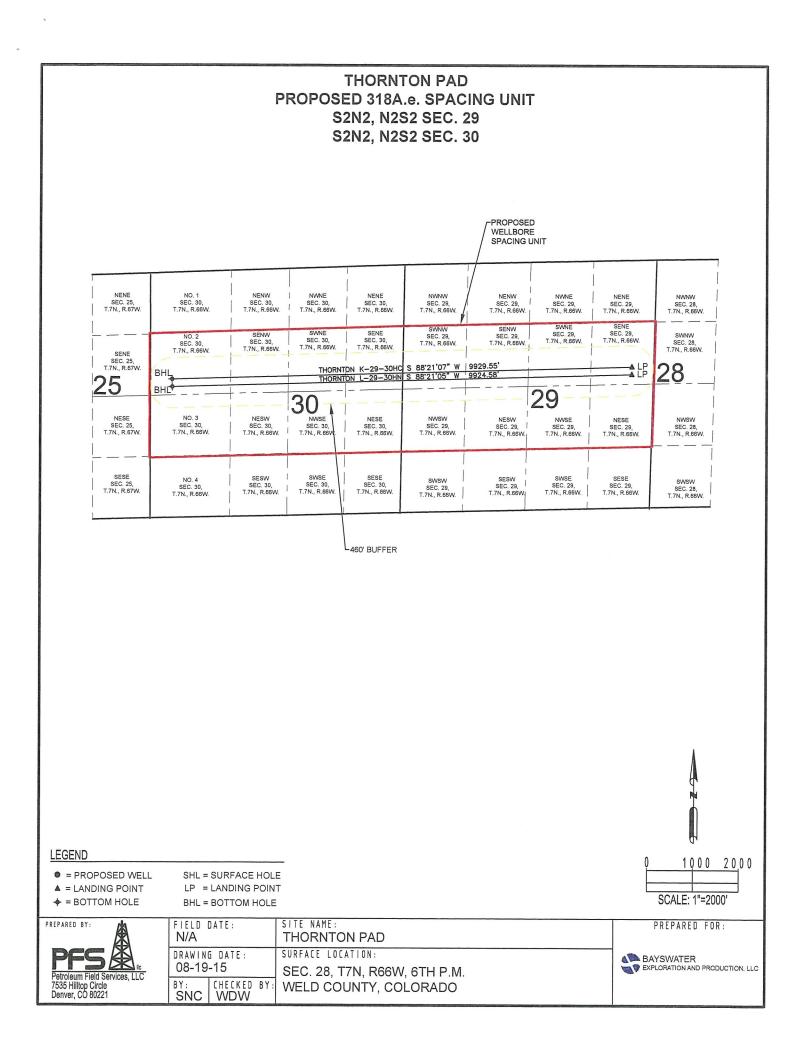
Clark Urich Darrin J. & Karyn S. Muggli Betty June Elder (Rasco) [Betty Jo Elder] Heirs of Devisees of Billie Lee Hughes Nelson R. & Stacie M. Hollar

#### **Consenting Owners**

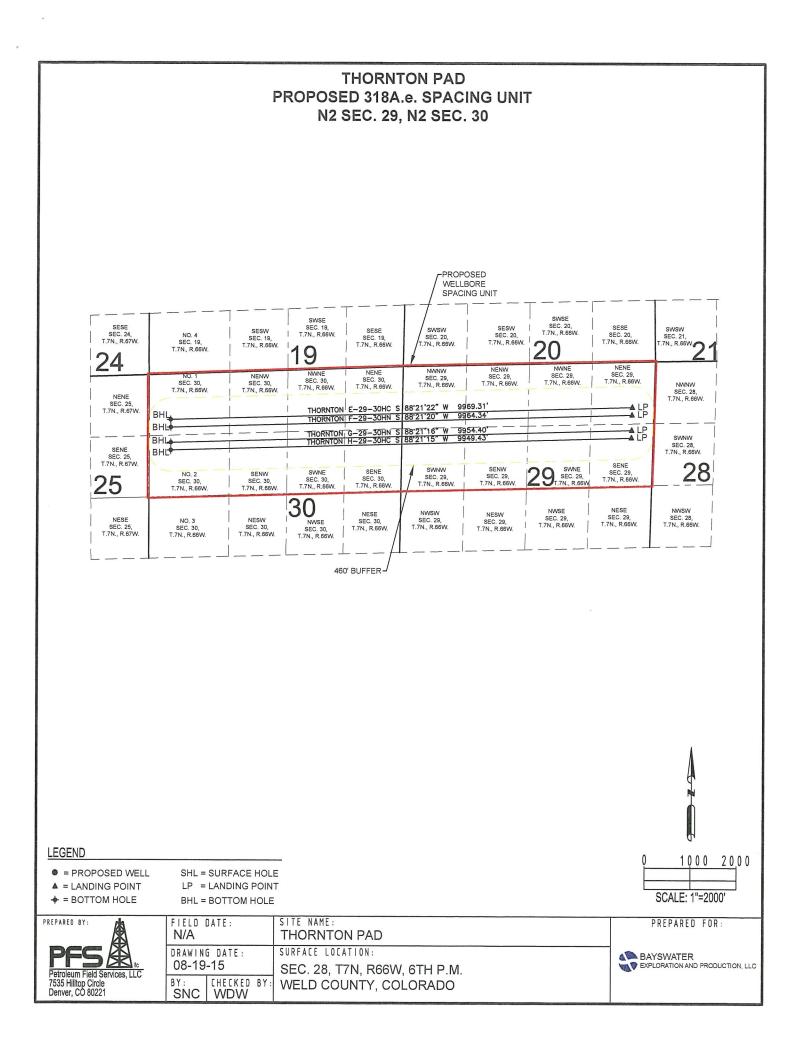
Bayswater Blenheim Holdings II, LLC Bayswater Blenheim Holdings, LLC Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC Bayswater Resources LLC

## Non-Consenting Owners

Extraction Oil & Gas, LLC Synergy Resources Corporation WYOTEX Drilling Ventures, LLC Grizzly Petroleum Company, LLC PDC Energy, Inc.



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| SESE<br>SEC. 25,<br>T.7N, R.67W.   | NO. 4<br>SEC. 30,<br>T.7N., R.66W.   | SESW<br>SEC. 30,<br>T.7N., R.66W.  | SWSE<br>SEC. 30,<br>T.7N., R.66W.       | SESE<br>SEC. 30,<br>T.7N., R.66W.                                 | SWSW<br>SEC. 29,<br>T.7N., R.66W.                                   | SESW<br>SEC. 29,<br>T.7N., R.66W.                         | SWSE<br>SEC. 29,<br>T.7N., R.66W.       | SESE<br>SEC. 29,<br>T.7N., R.66W.    | SWSW<br>SEC. 28,<br>T.7N., R.56W.                |  |
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## AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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I, Joseph C. Pierzchala, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare:

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That I am the attorney for Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC and that on or before October 20, 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.

Joseph C. Pierzchala

Subscribed and sworn to before me October (1, 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: 8/20/2017