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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
BISON OIL & GAS, LLC FOR AN ORDER)	
POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE NIOBRARA)	DOCKET NO. 161200531
FORMATION COVERING CERTAIN LANDS IN	j j	
SECTIONS 15 AND 16, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH,)	TYPE: POOLING
RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., UNNAMED FIELD,	ý	
ARAPAHOE COUNTY, COLORADO.	ý.	
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APPLICATION

Bison Oil & Gas, LLC ("Applicant"), Operator No. 10618, 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 W½ of Section 15 and all of Section 16, Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., Arapahoe County, Colorado, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. In support thereof, 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 substantial leasehold in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 4 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 15: W½
Section 16: All

- 3. On August 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-738, which established an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved up to three horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.
- 4. Applicant plans to drill and complete the following wells on the Application Lands (the "Wells"):
 - (a) The Bison 4-64 15-16 1BHZ Well (API No. 05-005-07254) has estimated spud date in Third Quarter 2017, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation;

- (b) The Bison 4-64 15-16 2BHZ Well (API No. 05-005-07255) has an estimated spud date of Fourth Quarter 2016, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation; and
- (c) The Bison 4-64 15-16 1CHZ Well (API No. 05-005-07256) has an estimated spud date of Third Quarter 2017, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 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 Niobrara 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 Wells, whichever is earlier.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 Niobrara 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 Wells, 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 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
- E. 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 13th day of October, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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<u>VERIFICATION</u>

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

Ron Morgenstern, Vice President of Land and Manager of Business Development for Bison Oil & Gas, 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.

BISON OIL & GAS, LLC

Ron Morgenstern

Vice President of Land and

Manager of Business Development

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of October 2016 by Ron Morgenstern, Vice President of Land and Manager of Business Development for Bison Oil & Gas, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

ABIGAIL WENK
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20164009689
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 8, 2020

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 8, 2020

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Anadarko Land Corp Bayswater Blenheim Holdings II, LLC Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC **Boda Western Corporation** Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP Capuchin Poor Clares of Denver Carla J. Albright Charles D. Haunschild Christopher and Courtney Chandler Clinton Ryan Miller and Rachael Marie Miller Cobalt Oil & Gas. LLC Colorado Land Board ConocoPhillips Company COP BROG I LLC County of Arapahoe Craig L. Maynard Daniel E. Pfeiffer, Trustee of the Pfeiffer Living Trust

Dr. Theo Espey Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Gerald R. Snyder Hiline Resources J&M Drilling Partnership Jackie K Dalrymple James B. Tollerton and Susan S. Tollerton Jan Oil Company John J Houlihan IV John N. Rosholt, III Kenneth and Patricia Armstrong LPD Energy LLC Lucille B. Grant LXA Investments, LLC Marvin A. Morgan Milton Shaw and Natalie B. Shaw . Neal J. Stephens Angie C. Stephens Trust Pamco Investments Corp. Pamco Oil & Gas LLC

Powell Resources, Inc. Prelude Petroleum, LLC Que Minh Truong RDP Royalties, LLC Renegad Oil & Gas Company, LLC Richard J. Valentine c/o the MBA Group Robert L. Mabardy & Paula J Mabardy Robin Oil & Gas Corporation The Langstroth Family Limited I, a Partnership LWH Mortgage Funding Group Theresia P Cavanaugh Thomas G Kenney & Mona Kennev Tom Luetkemeyer Vernon J. Trover William P. Grant Willy Oil Company

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

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

That I am the attorney for Bison Oil & Gas, 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me October 2, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 7/29/2017

MELISSA A. MORMAN **NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 19894012434 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 29, 2017