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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY EXTRACTION OIL & GAS LLC FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 31 AND 32, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 68 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M, FOR HORIZONTAL WELL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: SPACING/INCREASED DENSITY

### **APPLICATION**

Extraction Oil & Gas LLC, Operator No. 10459, ("Extraction" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order establishing an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 31 and 32, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorizing the drilling of up to nineteen (19) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
- 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6th P.M.

Section 31: All Section 32: All

1,280 acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado.

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands" and depicted in  $\underline{\mathsf{Exhibit}}$  A attached hereto.

3. On or about 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 Application Lands are subject to Order No. 407-87. At present, there is one existing vertical well producing within the Application Lands pursuant to Order No. 407-87 (Stamp #1-2C Well, API No. 05-123-10615). Applicant hereby confirms that this well shall remain subject to applicable spacing orders of the Commission, and shall not be affected by Applicant's requested relief under this Application. Accordingly, Applicant herein requests that Order No. 407-87 be maintained as to the Application Lands.

- 4. 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. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A.
- 5. Applicant requests the Commission establish the Application Lands as an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Codell and Niobrara Formations pursuant to Rule 503.b.(1) and §34-60-116(2), C.R.S. For the Application Lands, the proposed drilling unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the horizontal wells proposed to be drilled under this Application and completed in the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- 6. Applicant requests it be authorized to drill and complete up to nineteen (19) horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit proposed for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.
- 7. Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application, the treated intervals of the wellbore should be not less than 460 feet from the unit boundaries with an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 8. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §§34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 9. Applicant states that any horizontal wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from one multi-well pad on the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 10. Applicant requests that relief granted under this Application should be effective on oral order by the Commission, and Applicant hereby agrees to be bound by said oral order.
- 11. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party as required by Rule 507 within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

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. Establishing an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Application Lands, and authorizing the drilling of up to nineteen (19) horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated intervals of the wellbore of any permitted wells to be located not less than 460 feet from the outer boundary of the unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of any well being drilled or producing from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, without exception being granted by the Director.
- B. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

**EXTRACTION OIL & GAS LLC** 

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
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Jason Lowrey, Senior Landman for Extraction 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.

**EXTRACTION OIL & GAS LLC** 

Jason Lowrey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2017, by Jason Lowrey, Senior Landman for Extraction Oil & Gas LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 19

ANDREW STOUT
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20134064176
COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 04, 2017

Notary Public

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### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO	)
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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)

Grace Go-Hoveland, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is a Legal Assistant at Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., attorneys for Extraction Oil & Gas LLC, and on or before the day of January, 2017, 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 attached hereto.

Grace Go-Hoveland

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of January, 2017.

Witness my hand and official seal.

**Notary Public** 

TERESA L. PETERSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 19894002026
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT.4, 2017

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

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