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

IN THE MATTER OF THE	) Cause No. 535
APPLICATION OF BISON OIL & GAS	)
II, LLC FOR AN ORDER AMENDING	) Docket No. 171000651
ORDER NO. 535-3 AS TO THE	)
APPLICATION LANDS TO ALLOW	) Type: INCREASED
ADDITIONAL WELLS WITHIN AN	) DENSITY
ESTABLISHED 640-ACRE DRILLING	)
AND SPACING UNIT AND	)
ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION	)
RULES APPLICABLE TO THE	)
DRILLING AND PRODUCING OF	)
WELLS FROM THE NIOBRARA	)
FORMATION COVERING SECTION	)
15, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 60	)
WEST, 6TH P.M., UNNAMED FIELD,	)
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO.	)

#### **APPLICATION**

Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC ("Applicant"), Operator No. 10661, 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 amending Order No. 535-3 as to the Application Lands to allow additional horizontal wells within an established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit and establishing well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
- 2. Applicant owns leasehold interest and/or the right to drill and is an Owner as defined by Commission rules, in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 15: All

Weld County, Colorado

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

- 3. Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that, on unspaced lands, wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply.
- 4. On March 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 8, 9, and 10, North, Ranges 58 through 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbores to be located anywhere within the unit but not closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this Order.
- 5. There are no vertical, directional, or horizontal wells within the Application Lands.
- 6. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation within the Application Lands and to avoid waste, Applicant requests that the Commission amend Order No. 535-3 as to the Application Lands to allow an additional fifteen horizontal wells for a total of sixteen (16) horizontal wells within the established 64-acre drilling and spacing unit covering the Application Lands described below for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation:

# Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 15: All

- 7. Applicant is requesting to drill and complete one (1) horizontal well in the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit described above, with the option to drill and complete up to a total of sixteen (16) horizontal wells in the unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Applicant further requests that the treated interval of each wellbore be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, and no closer than 100 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the Niobrara Formation in the drilling and spacing unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 8. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the well density which allows the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation, prevents waste, does not adversely affect correlative rights, and assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Niobrara Formation. The proposed additional wells will not result in the established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit becoming smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in such drilling and spacing

unit. Applicant further maintains that wells drilled in the drilling and spacing unit will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

- 9. Applicant states that the wells are drilled from no more than three (3) well pads within the unit or from a legal location on adjacent lands, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 10. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within seven (7) days after filing of the Application as required by Rules 503.e., 507.b.(1), and 507.c.

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 1/1h day of August, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

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## **VERIFICATION**

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

Robert Pierini, Land Manager for Bison Oil & Gas II, 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 II, LLC

Robert Pierini Land Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>1\(\ldot\)</u> day of August 2017 by Robert Pierini, Land Manager for Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: march 8, 2020

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

## **EXHIBIT A**

### INTERESTED PARTIES

Troy Swain Weld County Department of Planning Services 1555 North 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Greeley CO 80631

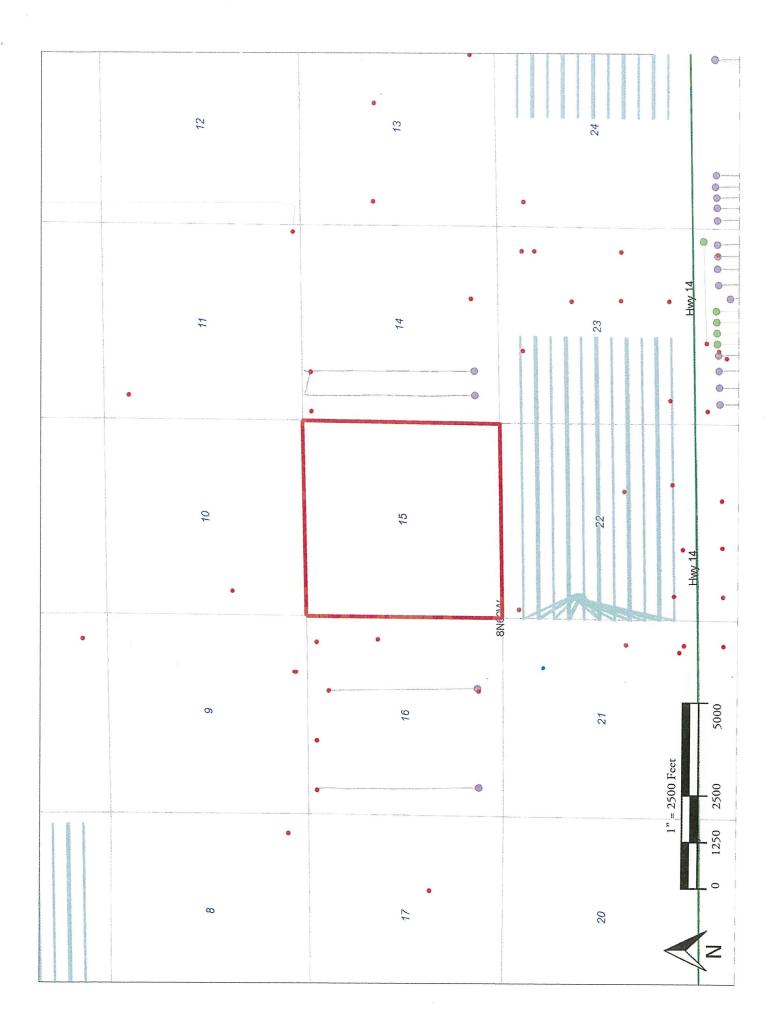
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Attn: Kent Kuster, Oil and Gas Liaison 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South Denver, CO 80246-1530

Colorado Division of Wildlife Northeast Region Office 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

# EXHIBIT A INTERESTED PARTIES

Noble Energy WYCO, LLC Noble Energy VII, LLC Noble Energy, Inc. Alpha DJ Holdings, LLC Three Crown Petroleum, LLC OOGC America, Inc. Calf Creek Royalty Ltd. Blackriver Niobrara Partners, LLC BTA Oil Producers, LLC Comanche LLC John Herbert Beyers, Jr. Larry Jarboe Davis James Fletcher Davis McCulliss Resources Co. Inc. McCullis Oil and Gas Inc George G. Vaught, Jr. Cobalt Oil & Gas, LLC Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Ronald Bucher Jerry Lee Bucher Susan Bucher Phillip Bucher

Patricia Bucher Glenn Howard Tim Beacham Gail Christine Guisti Irene Louise Edwards Louise Marie Gowley-Gross Anna Rowley Droulard Lynette J. Flinders John L. Beecherl Randall Dennis Morley Poco Minerals, LLC Charles Burton Dawson Shirley Sue Jones Nancy Lou Landes Sandra Huddleston Robert G. Jewell Sylvia Buchanan Richard H. Buchanan Edward J. Buchanan Jo Ann Denton Barbara Kay Osterwise David Michael Buchanan Marilyn S. Sheldon Mark H. Douglas



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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO §

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 II, LLC and that on or before August 18, 2017, I caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> to the Application.

Joseph C. Pjerzchala

Subscribed and sworn to before me August 18, 2017.

Witness my hand and official seal.

MELISSA A. MORMAN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 19894012434 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 29, 2021

Mulissa D. Moeman Notary Public