

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	CAUSE NO.	
OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)		
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	DOCKET NO.	
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE	)		
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG	)	TYPE:	POOLING
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)		

APPLICATION

PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC"), by and through its attorneys, Burns, Figa, & Will, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order pooling all interests within an approximate 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as further defined below, for the drilling of the Bunting 26P-232 well (API #05-123-44089) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara formation on the following described lands:

Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 25: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 30: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Weld County, Colorado, containing approximately 640.00 acres  
("Application Lands")

In support of its Application, PDC states and alleges as follows:

1. PDC is a corporation duly authorized to do business in Colorado and is registered as an operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. PDC is an Owner with the right to drill into and produce from the Application Lands.
3. Rule 318A, as amended on August 8, 2011 addresses the drilling of horizontal wells under Rule 318A.a.(4)D. Rule 318A was originally established on April 27, 1998 to allow for certain drilling locations to drill or twin an existing well, deepen a well, or recomplete a well. Rule 318A also provided for the commingling of any or all of the Cretaceous Age formations from the Dakota formation to the surface. Rule 318A was first amended on December 5, 2005 to allow for interior infill and boundary wells and spacing units.
4. On 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 Codell formation, and the Niobrara formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order 407-1.

5. On August 27, 2009, the Commission entered Order No. 407-335, which, among other things, pooled all non-consenting interests in a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the Conagra B #30-32D well (API #05-123-26996), from the Codell and Niobrara formations, and a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the Conagra B #30-33D well (API #05-123-28063), from the Codell and Niobrara formations. Order No. 407-335 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.

6. PDC designated this 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation as provided by Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.

7. Under the provisions of Rule 530 and C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6)–(7), PDC requests an order pooling all interests, including non-consenting interests and the ability to drill through all tracts, in the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara formation underlying the following approximate 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

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Weld County, Colorado ("Wellbore Spacing Unit" in this Application)

8. PDC requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Bunting 26P-232 well to the Niobrara formation on the Application Lands.

9. PDC certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all owners of the mineral estate, as indicated and required by Rule 507.b(2), underlying the tracts of the Application Lands to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the well, and will be provided with the information required by

Rule 530. The list of such interested parties, with all known parties to be pooled, is attached as Exhibit A.

10. In order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests and tracts in the Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly drilling and development of the Niobrara formation.

WHEREFORE, PDC respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that the Commission enter an Order:

- A. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands and the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Niobrara formation;
- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier date of the Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Bunting 26P-232 well in the Wellbore Spacing Unit to the Niobrara formation on the Application Lands;
- C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom PDC has been unable to secure a lease, other agreement to participate in the drilling of the authorized well(s), or those who consented to be pooled are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Bunting 26P-232 well drilled to develop the Niobrara formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit comprised of the Application Lands; and
- D. Providing for such other findings and order as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.


[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

PDC Energy, Inc.

By:



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Greenwood Village, CO 80111

PDC Energy, Inc.  
Mr. J. Tyler Sims, MBA, CPL  
1775 Sherman Street - Suite 3000  
Denver, CO 80203

## VERIFICATION

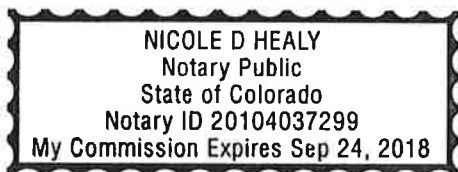
STATE OF COLORADO                   )  
   )       SS.  
COUNTY OF DENVER                  )


The undersigned, of lawful age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

1. He is a Senior Regional Landman – PDC Energy, Inc., which address is 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80203.

2. He has read the attached application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant sayeth not.



  
J. Tyler Sims, MBA, CPL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 9.24.18

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EXHIBIT A

Interested Parties

Bunting 26P-232

PDC Energy, Inc.

Bataa Oil, Inc.\*

Charlotte M. Brungard\*

Todd D. Ford\*

Atomic Capital Minerals LLC\*

Lona Nadene (Hamburger) Pettyjohn\*

Jay G. Hamburger\*

Heirs and Devisees of Florence Faye (Hamburger) Park\*

Loretta M. Ford\*

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Jack Donald Bennallack & Sylvia C. Bennallack Revocable Trust  
Jacquelyn (Bulin) Scheib  
James H. Pluss  
James H. Sears  
Jami (Tagley) Yarborough a/k/a Jaimie Yarborough  
Janet K. Schmidt  
Joan M. O'Rourke  
Joanne F. Hart & Gerald L. Hart, JT  
John Allen Duell  
John G. Brant  
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Joseph F. Zufall & LaVeta A. Zufall, JT  
Joye A. Schneider  
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Marise R. Downing  
Mark Hamilton  
Martha H. Salser



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Mekusukey Oil Company, LLC  
Michael J. Boulter & Daisy I. Boulter, JT  
Mike's Oil Well, LLC  
Monterrey Minerals, LLC  
New Direction IRA, Inc., FBO Rita A. Cassell IRA  
Noble Energy, Inc.  
Norma J. Wegher  
Oak Prairie Oil & Gas, LLC  
Paragon Oil & Gas LLC  
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Robert E. Benson & Kathleen Ann Benson, JT  
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Rosemary Alene Mathis  
Sam Pluss, Jr.  
Sharon Eileen Brandt  
Sister Mary Wegher  
Stacy (Sears) Edi  
Steven Sears  
Tammy Fiscus  
Texas Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists  
Thomas Tyson  
Trena Sue Franasiak  
Warren West

EXHIBIT B

Plat – Bunting 26P-232 Well

[ATTACHED]

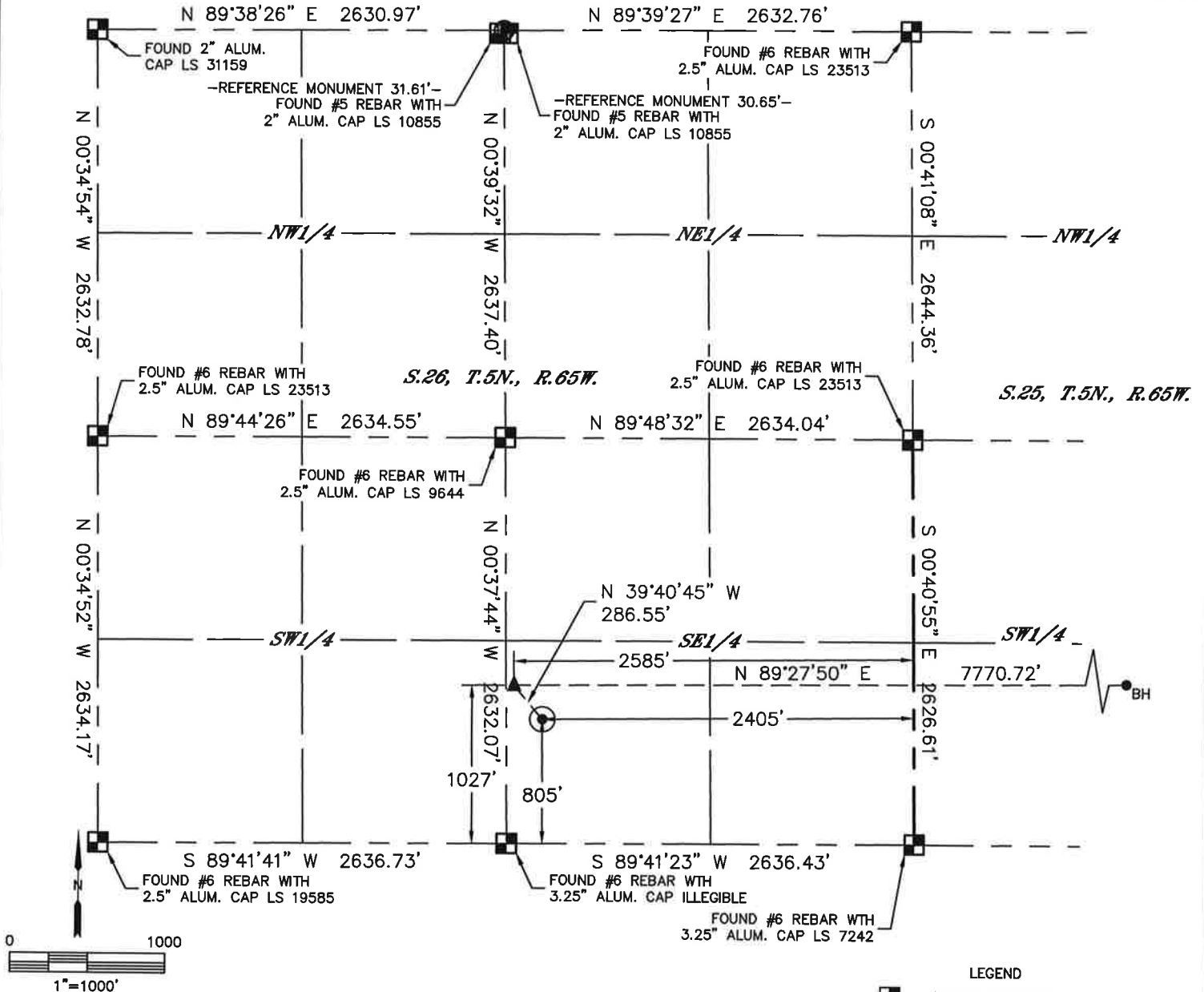


Lat40°, Inc. 6250 W. 10th Street, Unit 2, Greeley, CO 970-515-5294

# WELL LOCATION CERTIFICATE

## BUNTING 26P-232

SECTION: 26  
TOWNSHIP: 5N  
RANGE: 65W  
6TH. P.M.  
WELD COUNTY, CO



CLIENT: PDC ENERGY				LANDMAN: JEFF HINDMARSH			
INSTRUMENT OPERATOR: BRIAN ROTTINGHAUS				SURVEY DATE: 4/8/2016		SURFACE USE: CROP LAND	
SHL FOOTAGE	SHL LAT °	SHL LONG °	SHL PDOP	SHL ELEV	SHL 1/4/1/4	SHL S-T-R	
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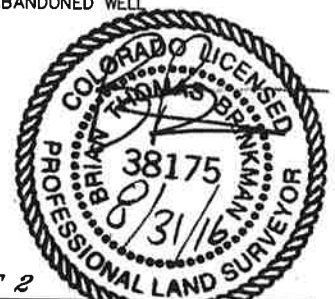
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### NOTE:

- Bearings shown are Grid Bearings of the Colorado State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, North American Datum 1983. The lineal dimensions as contained herein are based upon the "U.S. Survey Foot."
- Distances to section lines measured at 90 degrees from said section lines.
- Ground elevations are based on an observed GPS elevation (NAVD 1988 DATUM).
- Latitude and Longitude shown are (NAD 83 DATUM).
- IMPROVEMENTS: See LOCATION DRAWING for all visible Improvements within 500' of oil and gas location.
- This map does not represent a boundary survey.

NEAREST CULTURAL ITEMS	
BUILDING	±546' S
BUILDING UNIT	±632' SW
HIGH OCCUPANCY BUILDING UNIT	5280'+
DESIGNATED OUTSIDE ACTIVITY AREA	5280'+
PUBLIC ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 52)	±792' S
ABOVE GROUND UTILITY	±629' SW
RAILROAD	±1627' NW
PROPERTY LINE	±233' W

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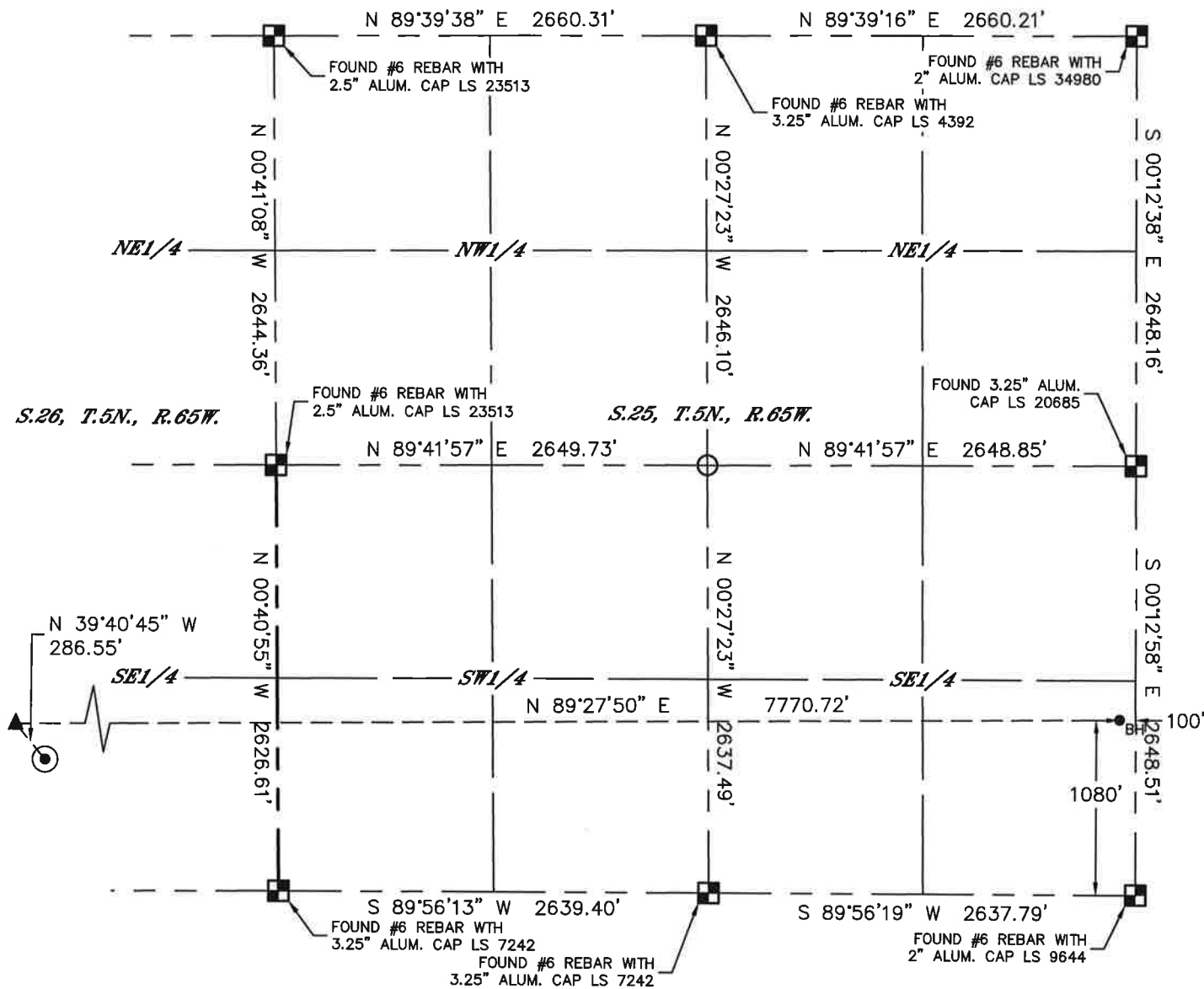


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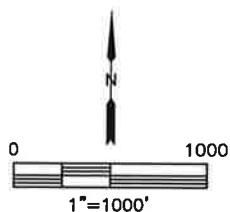
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Courtney M. Shephard, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

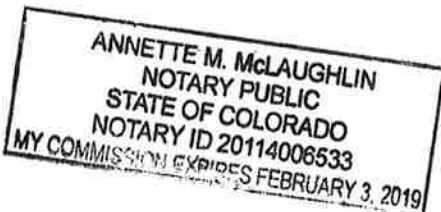
That she is the attorney for PDC Energy, Inc., and that on September 7, 2017, she caused a copy of the Application submitted to COGCC on August 31, 2017, to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit B to the Application with the exception of the following parties, which PDC Energy, Inc. has been unable to locate and plans to notice by publication: Estate of Richard S. Miller and Greg Tagley.

By: Courtney M. Shephard  
Courtney M. Shephard, Esq.  
License #47668  
Burns, Figa & Will, P.C.  
6400 S. Fiddler's Green Circle – Suite 1000  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE )

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

My commission expires: 2/3/19



Annette M. McLaughlin

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**Updated** Interested Parties

Bunting 26P-232

DN 171000722

After receipt of Drilling and Division Order Title Opinion dated September 25, 2017, which affects this Pooling Application submitted to COGCC on 08.31.2017, PDC hereby updates the Interested Parties List to this Application as of 10.19.2017  
(Deleted entities are indicated with a ~~strikethrough~~, and new entities are in **BOLD**)

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Rosemary Alene Mathis

**Russell Ehrlich**

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Sam Pluss, Jr.

**Sandy Kenney**

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Sister Mary Wegher

**Springbok Energy Partners, LLC**

~~Stacy (Sears) Edi~~

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**Taku Resources LLC \***

Tammy Fiscus

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**The Sharon L. Bunting Living Trust, dated November 17, 2016**

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~~Todd D. Ford\*~~

~~Tracy James Wells\*~~

Trena Sue Franasiak

~~Warren West~~