

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
MALLARD EXPLORATION, LLC, FOR AN ORDER)	CAUSE NO. 535
TO: (1) VACATE TWO 640-ACRE DRILLING AND)	
SPACING UNITS FOUND IN ORDER NO. 535-3,)	DOCKET NO. 180300127
AND (2) ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 1,280-)	
ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR)	TYPE: Spacing
SECTIONS 4 & 5, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 61)	
WEST, 6 TH P.M., TO APPROVE UP TO SIXTEEN)	
NEW HORIZONTAL WELLS IN SAID UNIT FOR)	
PRODUCTION FROM THE FORT HAYS, CARLILE,)	
CODELL & NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, UNNAMED)	
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

COMES NOW Mallard Exploration, LLC ("Mallard" or "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and hereby submits this Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel, whereby the Shanor Group LLC law firm is substituted and replaces the Jost Energy Law, P.C., law firm as counsel for the Applicant. As of the date of this filing, Jost Energy Law, P.C., withdraws from its representation of the Applicant, and Shanor Group LLC enters its appearance on behalf of the Applicant going forward.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of March, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel* was delivered, via email, to the following:

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An original and two copies of the foregoing *Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution of Counsel* were delivered, and the same was electronically filed, to the following on the foregoing date:

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By: _____

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MALLARD EXPLORATION, LLC FOR AN
ORDER TO VACATE TWO (2) 640-ACRE
DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS IN ORDER
NO. 535-3, AND ESTABLISH AN
APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND
SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 4 AND 5,
TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6TH
P.M., TO APPROVE UP TO SIXTEEN (16)
HORIZONTAL WELLS IN THE 1,280-ACRE
UNIT IN THE FORT HAYS, CARLILE, CODELL
AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS UNNAMED
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO. 180300127

TYPE: SPACING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Mallard Exploration, LLC (Operator No. 10670) ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to: (1) vacate two (2) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and (2) establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M. and to approve up to sixteen (16) new wells in the proposed approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

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

2. Applicant is an Owner and/or Operator as defined by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act, § 34-60-103(7) and the Commission 100 Series Rules, owns leasehold interests and/or has the right to drill and produce on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Section 4: All

Section 5: All

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

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

3. On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3 which established, among other things, 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands and allowed one (1) horizontal well to be drilled for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 535-3 also established 600' setbacks from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit without an exception being granted by the Director of the Commission. Order 535-3 applies to the Application Lands.

4. To promote efficient drainage within the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should vacate the two (2) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3, for Sections 7 and 8, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

5. To promote efficient drainage within the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Application Lands for the efficient and economic development and operation of the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations.

6. There no existing horizontal or vertical wells within the Application Lands.

7. The above-proposed drilling and spacing unit will allow efficient drainage of the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs. The unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed well in the unit.

8. Mallard maintains that there will be no more than four (4) new well pads in the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

9. The productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the proposed approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), unless an exception is granted by the Director, and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same supply within the unit, unless a waiver or consent is obtained from the operator of such well.

10. Mallard is requesting to drill and complete up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells (at the time of this filing, the horizontal wells are intended to be oriented

in an east to west/west to east orientation) in the proposed approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the efficient and economic production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands.

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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

WHEREFORE, Mallard respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in March 2018, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order to:

A. Vacate the two (2) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation;

B. Establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approve up to sixteen (16) horizontal wells in the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations in the unit.

C. Provide that the productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the proposed unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit), and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the same supply within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director, and authorize up to four (4) new well pads within the unit, or adjacent thereto, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

D. Finding that the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Fort Hays, Carlile, Codell and Niobrara Formations in Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

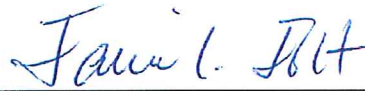
E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED this January 4, 2018.

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VERIFICATION

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)

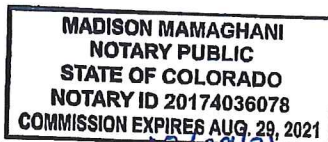
Jordan Mattson of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Vice President – Land for Mallard Exploration, LLC and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.


Jordan Mattson
Attorney-In-Fact
Mallard Exploration

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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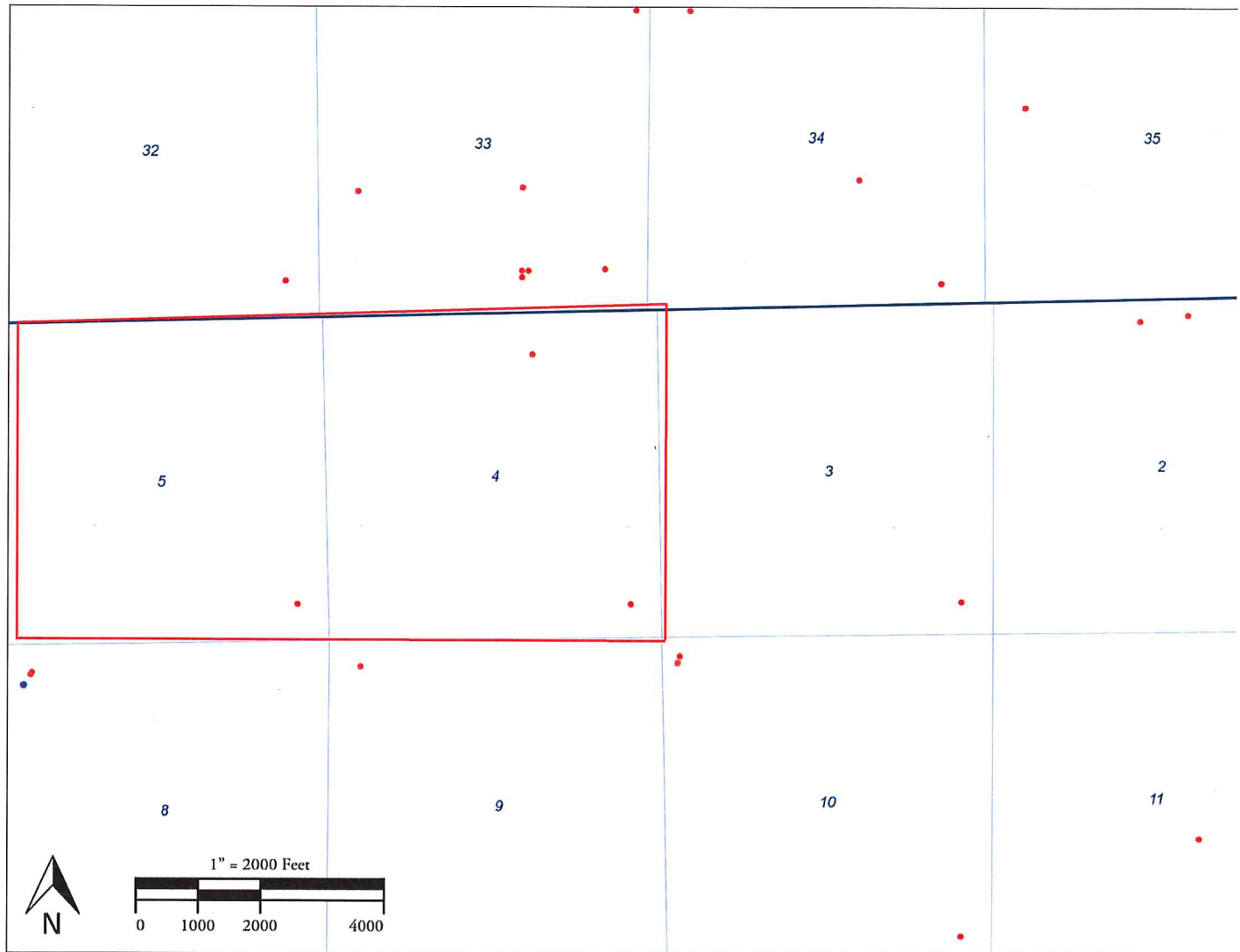


My commission expires: 08/29/21

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Reference Map
Mallard Exploration.

Sections 4 and 5, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.



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