

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)	CAUSE NO.
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES)	
TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE)	DOCKET NO.
NIOBARRA AND CODELL FORMATIONS,)	
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	TYPE: Spacing
COLORADO)	

APPLICATION

PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC" or "Applicant"), 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 to: establish an approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations, and approve up to fourteen (14) horizontal wells drilled from a maximum of two (2) well pads for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations on the following described lands:

Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

Section 27: All

Section 28: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Weld County, Colorado (containing a total of approximately 760 acres)

Referred to herein as the "Application Lands." A reference map depicting the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit B.

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. 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. Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, 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,

among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A for the Codell and Niobrara formations.

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. The Application Lands currently contain fourteen wells designated as producing, shut in, or temporarily abandoned, according to COGIS records, and a list of these wells is attached as Exhibit C ("Existing Wells"). PDC excludes from this Application all Existing Wells located on the Application Lands as of the date of this Application, to the extent they are still producing, and asserts that the production and payments from the Existing Wells should be maintained under the authority of all applicable Commission rules and orders.

6. The proposed approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells.

7. PDC requests that the Commission approve the development of up to fourteen (14) horizontal wells in the proposed approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara formations. The proposed wells will be drilled from surface locations described in Rule 318A or on other lands with consent of the landowner, unless an exception is granted by the Director. The wells will be stacked by formation to comply with the minimum distances from the outer boundaries of the proposed drilling and spacing unit and from any other well producing from the Codell and Niobrara formations.

8. Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application, the productive intervals of the wellbores shall be no less than 150 feet from the east and west unit boundaries, and no less than 460 feet from the north and south unit boundaries. Applicant further states that the interwell setbacks shall be no less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other well producing from the Niobrara and Codell formations, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

9. The proposed wells shall be drilled from a maximum of two (2) well pads located within the approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

10. The granting of this Application is in accordance with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, C.R.S. § 34-60-101 et seq., and the Commission Rules.

11. PDC requests that the relief granted under this Application be effective upon oral order of the Commission, and PDC hereby agrees to be bound by such oral order.

12. The names of the interested parties, according to PDC's information and belief, are set forth in the attached Exhibit A, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party at least thirty-five (35) days in advance of any Commission hearing at which the matter will first be heard, pursuant to Rule 507.

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 to:

- A. Establish an approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands and approve up to fourteen (14) horizontal wells in the proposed unit, for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations;
- B. Require the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells in the unit to be located no closer than 150 feet from the east and west unit boundaries, and no closer than 460 feet from the north and south unit boundaries;
- C. Require that the productive interval of the wellbore of any permitted wells in the unit be located no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located in the unit; and
- D. Provide that the wells shall be drilled from a maximum of two (2) well pads within the unit subject to Rule 318A or on adjacent lands, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

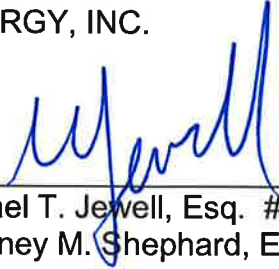
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DATED this 18th day of January, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

PDC ENERGY, INC.

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VERIFICATION

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

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

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

2. He has read the within 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.



Daniel R. McCoy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires: Nov. 20, 2020

MEGAN GUNNIFSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20084036848
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 20, 2020



Megan Gunnifson

Exhibit A

Interested Party List
Spacing Application

Township 4 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M.

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PDC Energy, Inc.	Weld County Department of Planning Services
Colorado Parks and Wildlife	Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
SRC Energy, Inc.	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP
Taku Resources, LLC	Barry L. Snyder
Incline Niobrara Partners, LP	SRC Energy, Inc.
US Fuel and Food Corporation	Roger L. Counter and Levina T. Counter, JT
Joseph A. Straley	Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C.
JMPs Corporation, LLC	Eric T. Miller
Macias and Dorothy G. Macias, JT	Carol Jean Lloyd
Marc Langford and Shasta Bush, JT	Shirley Reymann
Jamie Reed	Dennis M. Johnson and Vicki Lon Wehrman, JT
Eduardo Jimenez, Jr. and Mary Louise Jimenez, JT	Maria DeGorman and Angel Gorman, JT
Jose Luis Avila	Manuel J. Ayala and Yvette Guadalupe Ayala, JT
Katie L. Arellano	Porfirio Chavez and Gregoria Chavez, JT

Elizabeth W. O'Dell and Gentry S. O'Dell, JT	Paul D. Eisenach
Maria Isabel Torres	Mary A. Crespín
Edward Torres and Sarela Gonzalez, JT	Jose L. Morado, Jr. and Rosa Morado, JT
Christine Rodriguez-Renteria	Max R. Legge
Ace J. Lozano	Jeffery D. Long and Pamela B. Long, JT
Scott J. Wetsch and Karen J. Wetsch, JT	Jack A. Walter and Sherry K. Walter, JT
Jason J. Berke	Angel J. Mancha
Robert L. Meisner and Laura J. Meisner, JT	Lester D. Pickett and Cheryl A. Pickett Gies, as Trustees, or their successors in trust under the Lester Pickett Trust, dated November 15, 2013
The Heirs or Devisees of F.C. Mapes	Maria Jesus Rodriguez
Maria L.R. Rodriguez	Erika Ramirez
The Heirs or Devisees of Esther M. McNeill	Brenda Hilzer and Steven George Roy, JT
Jacob Braining	William Reck
Walter Reck	Marie A. Reck
Helen A. Reck	Frieda Vogel
Martha Renke	Alfred Reck
Sharon Reck Kelso	Pamela Reck McClimans
The Heirs or Devisees of Diane Reck Campbell	Max Reck
Benjamin Reck	Marion Schmitke
Eunice Hoelzer	Bertha May
Lorene Croissant, nka Lorene Troudt	Maxine Croissant, nka Maxine Hager
Estate of Elmer Willard Schmidt	John Walter Schmidt

Patricia Joanne Adler	The Heirs or Devisees of Marian Billings
Marjorie McNeil	Mildred Schlagel
The Heirs or Devisees of Roy A. Schmidt	Kenneth W. Starbird
Kevin S. Graefe, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Debora Sullivan Graefe	Jane S. Ahlborg Generation-Skipping Trust
Douglas B. DelBosco	The Mackimmie Family Trust dated July 20, 2001
Marie Mu Sullivan	Tina Elizabeth Pratt
Colleen Vaea Sullivan	Sheila Marie Sullivan
Continuing Trust f/b/o Jackson Kane DelBosco under the Dana A. DelBosco Revocable Trust dated May 31, 2000	Armando DelBosco
The Department of Highways, State of Colorado	Jeremy James Long
Keely A. Kuhl	Steven G. Ray

Exhibit B

Reference Map of Application Lands

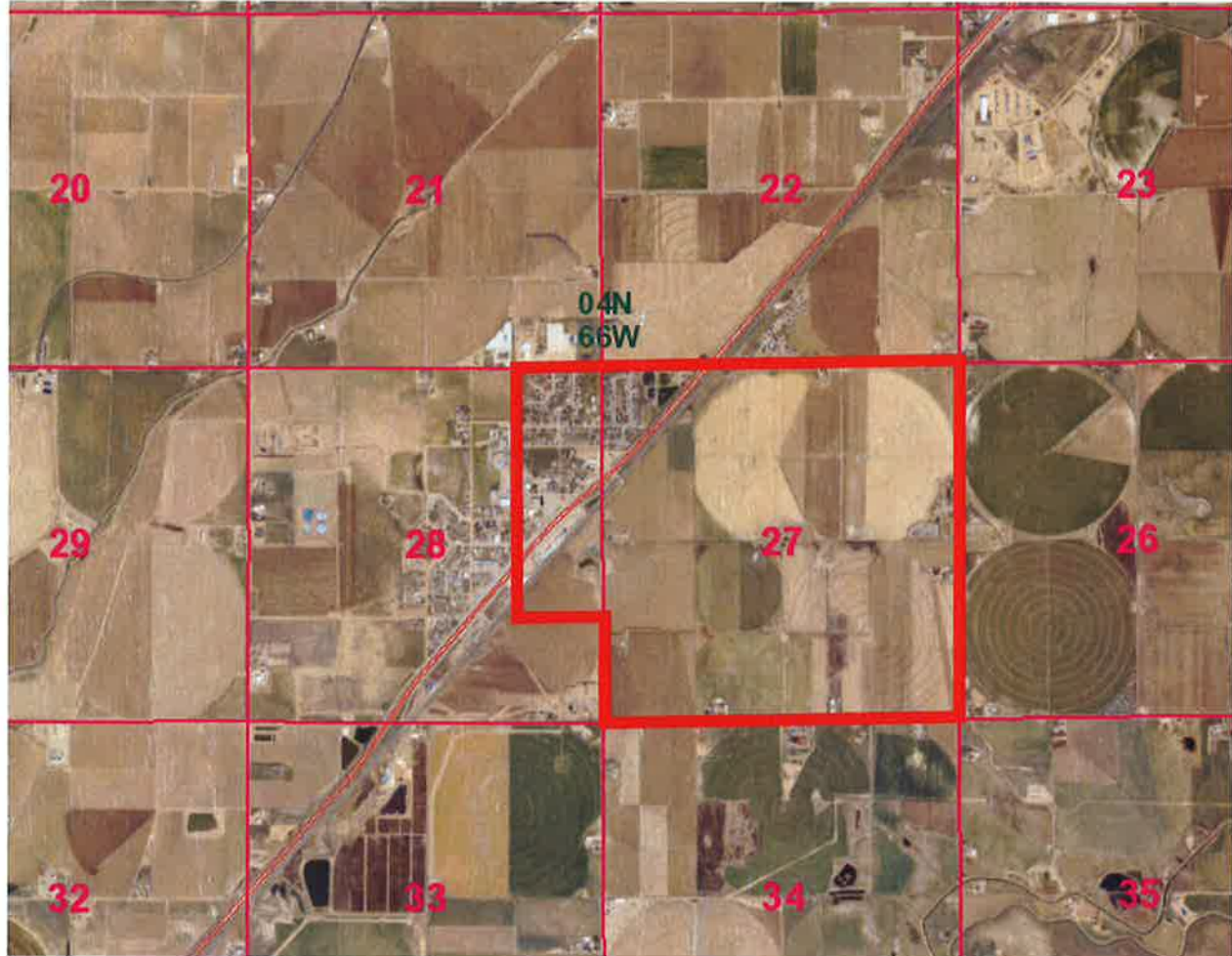


Exhibit C

Existing Wells on Application Lands

<i>API</i>	<i>Well Name</i>	<i>Operator</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Well Location</i>	<i>Scout Card Order Information</i>
05-123-15368	UPRC FEDERAL 27-3F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 5/1/2017	WELD 123 NENW 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-15377	UPRC 27-9F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 5/1/2017	WELD 123 NESE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-16341	UPRC 27-11F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 NESW 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-13103	LORENZ UPRR 31-27 2	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 NENE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-16340	UPRC 27-10F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 NWSE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-15378	UPRC 27-12F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	PR 11/10/2010	WELD 123 NWSW 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-33551	Nelson K 27-63HN	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	PR 10/12/2011	WELD 123 NWSW 27 4 N 66W 6	407-87
05-123-15369	UPRC FEDERAL 27-6F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 5/1/2017	WELD 123 SENE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-15380	UPRC 27-16 F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 5/1/2017	WELD 123 SESE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-16342	UPRC 27-14F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 SESW 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-14784	LORENZ UPRR 32-27 4	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 SWNE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-16343	UPRC 27-15F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	SI 1/1/2017	WELD 123 SWSE 27 4 N 66W 6	None
05-123-15379	UPRC 27-13F	NOBLE ENERGY INC 100322	PR 2/22/2008	WELD 123 SWSW 27 4 N 66W 6	None

05-123- 20330	MELISSA 1	PDC ENERGY INC 69175	PR 3/1/2017	WELD 123 NESE 28 4 N 66W 6	407-87
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GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA) DOCKET NO. 180300203
AND CODELL FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: SPACING

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 January 24, 2018, she caused a copy of the Application submitted to COGCC on January 18, 2018, to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the interested parties listed on Exhibit A 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: the Heirs or Devisees of F.C. Mapes, The Heirs or Devisees of Esther M. McNeill, Jacob Braining, William Reck, Walter Reck, Marie A. Reck, Helen A. Reck, Martha Renke, The Heirs or Devisees of Diane Reck Campbell, Max Reck, Benjamin Reck, Marion Schmitke, Eunice Hoelzer, Bertha May, Marjorie McNeil, and the Heirs or Devisees of Roy A. Schmidt.

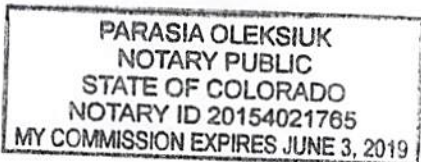
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STATE OF COLORADO)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 2018.

My commission expires: 6-3-2019.



Parasia Oleksiuk

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MOTION FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC"), by and through its attorneys Burns, Figa & Will, P.C., respectfully files this Motion for Publication of Summons ("Motion") to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("COGCC" or "Commission") for an order to serve unlocatable interested parties by Publication of Summons. In support of its Motion, PDC states and alleges the following:

1. On January 18, 2018, PDC filed a verified application with the Commission ("Application") for an order to: establish an approximate 760-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations, and approve up to fourteen (14) horizontal wells drilled from a maximum of two (2) well pads for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell formations on the following described lands:

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Weld County, Colorado, containing approximately 760.00 acres ("Application Lands")

2. Burns, Figa & Will, P.C. submitted a Certificate of Service to the Commission for Docket No. 180300203 on January 25, 2018, stating that copies of the Application were deposited in the United States Mail to all parties listed in Exhibit A to the Application, with the exception of the following parties, which PDC was unable to locate and planned to notice by publication: the Heirs or devisees of F.C. Mapes, the Heirs or devisees of Esther M. McNeill, Jacob Braining, William Reck, Walter Reck, Marie A. Reck, Helen A. Reck, Martha Renke, the Heirs or devisees of Diane Reck Campbell, Max Reck, Benjamin Reck, Marion Schmitke, Eunice Hoelzer, Bertha May, Marjorie McNeil, and the Heirs or devisees of Roy A. Schmidt.

3. Pursuant to COGCC Rule 507.b.(1), notice of applications affecting drilling units must be served on the "owners within the proposed drilling unit or within the existing drilling unit to be affected by the applications." C.R.S. § 34-60-108(4) mandates that where notice of an application to establish a drilling and spacing unit is not served to interested parties by mail, the same shall be served in accordance with the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure for the service of process in civil actions in the district courts of the State of Colorado.

4. C.R.C.P. 4(g) authorizes service by publication where a party cannot effect personal service or service by mail. If the Commission is satisfied that PDC has used due diligence to serve interested parties by mail, or that its efforts would have been to no avail, the Commission may order publication of process in a newspaper published in the county in which

the action is pending.¹ The Commission shall require publication once a week for five successive weeks, and shall deem service complete on the day of the last publication.

5. Despite diligent efforts, PDC has been unable to locate addresses for service for the following parties believed to be owners in the Application Lands (collectively, the "Unlocatable Parties"): the Heirs or Devisees of F.C. Mapes, the Heirs or Devisees of Esther M. McNeill, Jacob Braining, William Reck, Walter Reck, Marie A. Reck, Helen A. Reck, Martha Renke, the Heirs or Devisees of Diane Reck Campbell, Max Reck, Benjamin Reck, Marion Schmitke, Eunice Hoelzer, Bertha May, Marjorie McNeil, and the Heirs or Devisees of Roy A. Schmidt.

6. In attempting to locate the Unlocatable Parties, PDC conducted searches using the Weld County, Colorado ICRIS system (paid service), LexisNexis (paid service), InfoAge IS (paid service), and PDC's internal land records and land documents libraries (e.g., title opinions, JOAs, JIBs, approved pooling applications). Despite its efforts, PDC was unable to locate addresses for the Unlocatable Parties or any information about whether the Unlocatable Parties' interests has been transferred to other parties.

WHEREFORE, PDC respectfully requests the following relief:

1. The Commission issue an Order, authorizing by publication in a newspaper published in Denver County, Colorado, the county in which this action will be heard by the Commission, for the purposes of providing notice of the Application to the Unlocatable Parties.

2. Require publication to be made once weekly for five successive weeks from the date of the Order.

3. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable.

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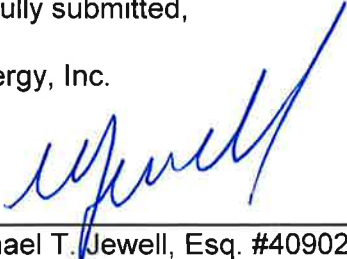
¹ See C.R.C.P. 4(g)(2).

DATED this 6th day of February, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 6, 2018, Burns, Figa & Will, P.C. caused PDC's Motion for Publication of Summons to be served via electronic mail and by courier to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to the applicable rules at the addresses listed below:

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Denver, CO 80203
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