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

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY)
BISON OIL & GAS II, LLC FOR AN ORDER TO)
MODIFY AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE)
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT TO INCLUDE)
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UNIT, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL, GAS,)
AND ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM)
THE NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, CODELL, AND)
CARLILE FORMATIONS FOR SECTION 8,)
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH)
P.M., UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)
COLORADO)

Cause No. 535

Docket No. 180700510

Type: SPACING

APPLICATION

Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC ("Applicant" or "Bison"), 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 modifying an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for Section 8, Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations and to approve up to 20 horizontal wells within the unit, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

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

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 8: All

Weld County, Colorado

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached as Exhibit B 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 September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69, which established 40 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 7, 8, and 9, North, Ranges 58 through 61 West, 6th P.M., and approved two horizontal wells within 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 no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from any existing or permitted oil or gas wellbore, without exception being granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 5. To promote efficient drainage, and to prevent waste, Applicant requests that the Commission modify an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-69 for the below-described Application Lands such to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, and to approve up to 20 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, with the treated interval of each wellbore within the unit being no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, and no closer than 165 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director:

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- 6. Applicant requests authority to drill only those wells necessary to determine the appropriate well density that allows for the most economic and efficient drainage of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, that prevents waste, that protects correlative rights, and that assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons.
- 7. The drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be drained by the proposed wells and will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 8. Applicant requests that the wells be drilled from no more than two surface facilities located within the unit or at a legal location on adjacent lands.
- 9. 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 4 th day of May, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, WELBORN SULLIVAN MECK & TOOLEY, P.C.

By:

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Applicant's Address:

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<u>VERIFICATION</u>

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

Robert Pierini, Vice President – Land, for Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Amended 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

Vice President - Land

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 th day of April 2018 by Robert Pierini, Vice President - Land, for Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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

My Commission Expires: march 8, 2020

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Weld County

Troy Swain
Weld County
Department of Planning Services
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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

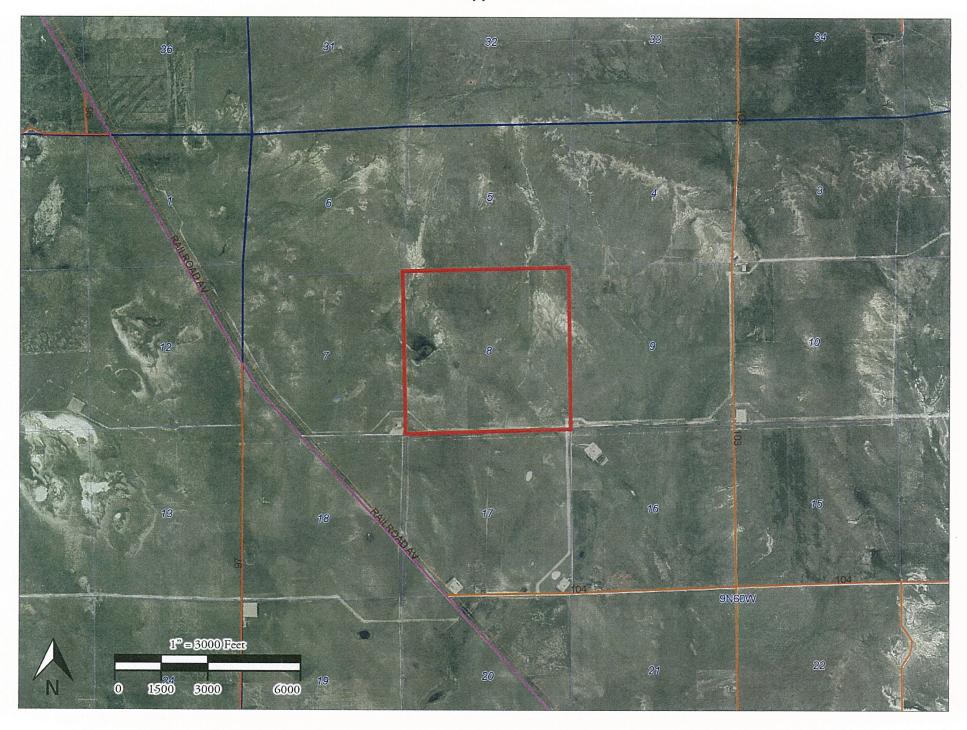
Northeast Region Office 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

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INTERESTED PARTIES

Noble Energy WYCO, LLC
Noble Energy Inc.
JAL Interests, LLC
Okreek Oil and Gas, LLC
Okreek Oil and Gas II, LLC
NorthStar Energy Company, LLC
8 North, LLC
Verdad Resources, LLC
Antelope Energy Company, LLC

Exhibit B - Application Lands



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STATE OF COLORADO 888 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

I, Geoffrey W. Storm, 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 May 10, 2018, I 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 to the Application.

Subscribed and sworn to before me May 5, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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

Notary Public

My commission expires: 8 | 29 | 202|