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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO VACATE PORTIONS OF ORDER NO. 407-2287 FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN SECTIONS 11, 14, AND 23, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO. 180700\_\_\_\_

TYPE: SPACING

#### **APPLICATION**

Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Jost Energy Law, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to vacate portions of Order No. 407-2287, which pooled all interests within an approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-1953, for Sections 11, 14 and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the Waste Management Y23-784 Well, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the below-described lands. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
- 2. Applicant owns leasehold interests or holds the right to operate on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 11: All Section 14: All Section 23: N½

1600-acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado.

- 3. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. Sections 11, 14 and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- 4. On February 19, 1992 (amended August 20, 1993), the Commission entered Order No. 407-87 which, among other things, established 80-acre drilling and

spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with permitted vertical and directional well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Sections 11, 14 and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

- 5. On May 1, 2017 the Commission entered Order No. 407-1953 which established an approximate 1,600 acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 11, 14 and 23, Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., approved up to nine horizontal wells in the unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations, provided that the productive interval of any horizontal well shall be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit (however Noble has requested the Commission to correct Order No. 407-1953 to reflect the approved setbacks of 460 feet from the northern, western and eastern boundaries of the unit and no closer than 150 feet from the southern boundary of the unit), not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of another well within the unit, and approved up to three well pads, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 6. On December 12, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2287 which pooled all interests, including any non-consenting interests, within the approximate 1,600-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the drilling of the Wells for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Waste Management Y23-720 Well (API No. 05-123-44842), Waste Management Y23-728 Well (API No. 05-123-44844), Waste Management Y23-736 Well (API No. 05-123-44841), Waste Management Y23-752 Well (API No. 05-123-44846), Waste Management Y23-760 Well (API No. 05-123-44838), Waste Management Y23-768 Well (API No. 05-123-44845), Waste Management Y23-776 Well (API No. 05-123-44839) ("Wells").
- 7. Applicant is requesting that the Commission vacate the pooling as it relates only to the Waste Management Y23-784 Well (API No. 05-123-44839) within Order No. 407-2287.
- 8. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

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

A. Vacate the portion of Order No. 407-2287 as it relates only to the Waste Management Y23-784 Well (API No. 05-123-44839).

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

DATED May \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Noble Energy, Inc.

By:

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### **VERIFICATION**

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

Ryan D. Antonio, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc., 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.

Ryan D. Antonio Land Manager Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of May, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

DOLORES SPRESSER Notary Public [SEAte]of Colorado Notary ID# 20104017063 My Commission Expires 05-26-2022

My commission expires:

Notary Public

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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

The undersigned, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare that I am the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., and that on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, I caused a copy of the Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to this Affidavit.

Jamie L. Jost

Kelsey H. Wasylenky

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

CHARLOTTE LAWLESS
NOTARY PUBLIC
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 16, 2022

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### Exhibit A SP - Vacate Order 407-2287

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