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CAUSE NO. 421

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

TYPE: SPACING

### **APPLICATION**

HighPoint Operating Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("HighPoint" or "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 amend Order No. 421-34 to 1) include the Codell, Carlile, and Fort Hays Formations; 2) approve an additional six (6) horizontal wells for a total of up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, 3) provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well in the unit shall be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries of the unit for the Codell and Carlile Formations, with 150' inter-well setbacks from any wellbore within the unit, for for an approximate 1,280-acre unit established for Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays 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 is an Owner as defined by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act and Commission Rules and owns leasehold interests or holds the right to operate on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 21: All Section 28: All

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

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached 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. Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations.
- 4. On June 27, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-28 which, among other things, established 52 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. were subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 5. On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 421-34 which vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established by Order No. 535-28 for Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and established an approximate 1280-acre stand-up exploratory drilling and spacing unit for Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved up to ten wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the bottomhole locations not less than 600 feet from the boundary of the proposed drilling unit and not less than 460 feet from any other well or treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 6. The Commission records show that there are no horizontal, vertical or directional wells producing in the Application Lands. The Commission records show that there are two expired APDs for the Elk Creek 13-21H (API No. 05-123-33770) and Elk Creek 13-28H (API No. 05-123-33776) which expired on December 5, 2016.
- 7. To promote efficient drainage within the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should amend Order No. 421-34 for Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. to 1) include the Codell, Carlile, and Fort

Hays Formations; 2) approve an additional six (6) horizontal wells for a total of up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations; and 3) provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well in the unit shall be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries for the Codell and Carlile Formations and 150' inter-well setbacks from any wellbore within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands.

- 7. The above-proposed amendments to the drilling and spacing unit will allow efficient drainage of the Codell, Carlile Fort Hays 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 wells in the unit.
- 8. The Applicant is requesting to drill and complete up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells within the unit in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations within the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit composed of the Application Lands and that there will be no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 9. The Applicant maintains that the wells proposed for the development of the Application Lands will be drilled from no more than four well pads, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 10. The productive interval of each proposed horizontal well shall be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries for the Codell and Carlile Formations and all horizontal wells shall be no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other well within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.
- 11. 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 on July 30-31, 2018, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order to:

- A. Amend Order No. 421-34 to include the Codell, Carlile, and Fort Hays Formations for Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.;
- B. Amend Order No. 421-34 to approve an additional six (6) horizontal wells for a total of up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort

Hays and Niobrara Formations, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations;

- C. Amend Order No. 421-34 to provide that the productive interval of any horizontal well in the unit shall be no closer than 150 feet from the boundaries of the unit for the Niobrara and Fort Hays Formations and no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries for the Codell and Carlile Formations; and not less than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore within the unit, and authorizing a total of four well pads in the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director;
- D. Find that the approval of additional wells and reduced setbacks for the development of the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations on the Application Lands.
- E. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED May 31, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

**HighPoint Operating Corporation** 

By: <sup>4</sup>

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### **VERIFICATION**

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

Landman

HighPoint Operating Corporation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3/2 day of May, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

BRYCE DOTY
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID # 20174002931
My Commission Expires 01-19-2021

My commission expires:  $\sqrt{-14-2021}$ 

Notary Public

Reference Map

Sections 21 and 28, Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.



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## AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO	
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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 HighPoint Operating Corporation, and that on or before the 6th 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

**NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20144023899 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 16, 2022

CHARLOTTE LAWLESS

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