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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HIGHPOINT OPERATING CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 21 AND 28, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST. 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., APPROVE UP TO SIXTEEN (16) NEW HORIZONTAL WELLS WITHIN THE UNIT, AND APPROVE **REDUCED BOUNDARY** SETBACKS OF 150 FOR FEET THE NIOBRARA AND FORT HAYS FORMATIONS. AND 300 FEET FOR THE CODELL AND **CARLILE** FORMATIONS. FOR THE **PRODUCTION** OF OIL, GAS AND ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE CODELL, CARLILE, **FORT** HAYS AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS. **HEREFORD** FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 421

DOCKET NO. 180700

TYPE: SPACING

#### <u>APPLICATION</u>

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: 1) establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 21 and 28, Township 11 North, Range 64 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; 2) approve up to sixteen (16) new horizontal wells in the approximate 1,280-acre unit; 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, with 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 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 11 North, Range 64 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. Section 21 and 28, Township 11 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. is subject to this Rule for the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations.
- 4. The Commission records show that there are no vertical, directional or horizontal wells in the Application Lands.
- 5. The proposed unit contains federal minerals in the S½ of Section 28 of the Application Lands. Applicant intends to communicate with the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") regarding a Communitization Agreement for the proposed 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Carlile, Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations underlying the Application Lands.
- 6. 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: 1) establish an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up drilling and spacing unit for Sections 21 and 28, Township 11 North, Range 64 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; 2) approve 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; 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, with 150' interwell 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 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 Fort Hays and Niobrara Formations, and no closer than 300 feet from the boundaries of the unit 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. Establish an approximate 1,280-acre stand-up drilling and spacing unit for Sections 21 and 28, Township 11 North, Range 64 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; and approve 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;
- B. 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;
- C. Find that an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit 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.

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

DATED May <u>3</u>, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

**HighPoint Operating Corporation** 

By:

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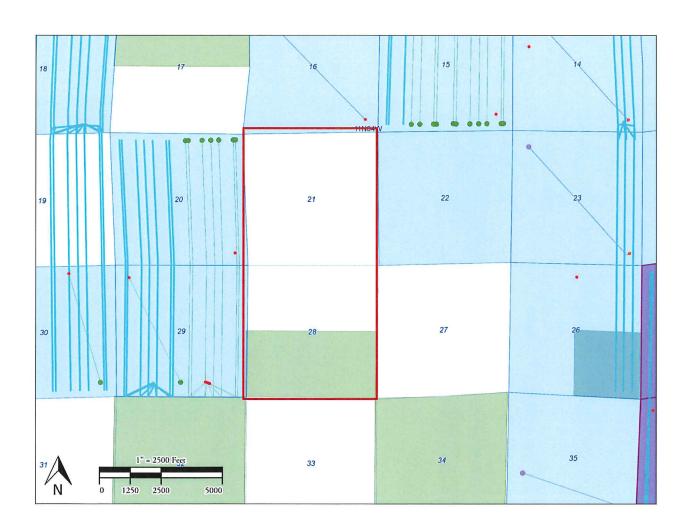
## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
he is a Landman for HighPoint Operating	first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that g Corporation, and that he has read the foregoing contained are true to the best of his knowledge,
	Bryce Doty Landman HighPoint Operating Corporation
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	<u>ನ್ರ್</u> ಗ್ day of May, 2018.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
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## Reference Map

Sections 21 and 28, Township 11 North, Range 64 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 6<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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

CHARLOTTE LAWLESS

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 20144023899

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 16, 2022

#### Exhibit A HighPoint - SP Lion Creek 21/28

8 North, LLC 1888 Sherman Street Suite 200 Denver, CO 80203

Antelope Energy Co, LLC 1801 Broadway, Suite 1550 Denver, CO 80202

Clear Creek Resource Partners Holdings, LLC 717 17th St. Suite 1525 Denver, CO 80202

HighPoint Operating Corporation 1099 18th Street Suite 2300 Denver, CO 80202

Upland Exploration Inc. 424 South Main Street Boeme, TX 78006

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Bureau of Land Management Attn: Oil & Gas 2850 Youngfield Street Lakewood, Colorado 80215

CECO, LLC 1649 S. Sherman Street Denver, CO 80210 Cirrus Minerals, LLC 330 Marshall Street, Ste 1200 Shreveport, LA 71101

Hefner Company, Inc. PO Box 2177 Oklahoma City, OK 73101

Michael Dixon Family, LLLP 10826 HWY 71 Brush CO 80723

Paul E. Himerlrigh Revocable Trust Dated June 17th, 1998 2818 Eastern Road Norton, OH 44203

PEP II Management, LLC 330 Marshall Street, Ste 300 Shreveport, LA 71101

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Salt Ranch LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company 26995 CR 122 Grover, CO

Sandra K. Himerlrigh Revocable Trust Dated June 17th, 1998 2818 Eastern Road Norton, OH 44203

Summit Royalties, LLC 789 Sherman Street, Ste 140 Denver, CO 80203 Thunder River Production, LLC Class A members 1455 West Loop South, Ste 230 Houston, TX 77027

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