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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN TWO DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNITS **ESTABLISHED PORTIONS** FOR OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6TH P.M., AND PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 18, 19 AND 30, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL, **GAS** AND ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE NIOBRARA AND CODELL FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO. 180700____

TYPE: POOLING

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 100322) ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, Jost Energy Law, P.C., and makes this application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order to pool all interests within two designated horizontal Wellbore Spacing Units, as defined below, for the drilling of the following wells: the Emmy State H25-785 (API No. 05-123-46980) in WSU #1 and the Emmy H25-711 (API No. 05-123-46968) in WSU #2 (collectively, the "Wells") for the development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the following lands (hereinafter, the "Application Lands"):

WSU #1 (Niobrara Formation):

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: SW1/4SW1/4

Section 14: SE¹/₄SE¹/₄

Section 23: E½E½

Section 24: W½W½

Section 25: W½W½

Section 26: E½E½

Section 36: NW1/4NW1/4

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

WSU # 2 (Niobrara and Codell Formations):

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: SE½SE½
Section 24: E½E½
Section 25: E½E½

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4 Section 19: W1/2W1/2 Section 30: W1/2W1/2

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

In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly 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 in the Application Lands, owns certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands and/or holds the right to operate certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. 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 and Niobrara Formations, with permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Portions of the Application Lands are subject to this Order for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- 4. 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. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells but did not prohibit the establishment of drilling and spacing units within the Greater Wattenberg Area. The lands encompassing the Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A for wells drilled and producing in the Niobrara and Codell Formations and are also subject to 460' subsurface setbacks.
- 5. On various dates prior to the date of this Application, the Commission entered the following Orders pooling established wellbore spacing units on portions of the

Application Lands. The following Orders are wellbore-specific and will not affect this Application:

- a. On May 16, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-398 which, among other things, established an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for certain lands located in Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit (to accommodate the planned Sarchet H #13-75HN Well), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- b. On August 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-453 which, among other things, established an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the S½ SW¼ and SW¼ SE¼ of Section 18 and the N½ NW¼ and NW¼ NE¼ of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and the S½ SE¼ of Section 13 and the N½ NE¼ of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit (to accommodate the planned Butterball H #24-69HN Well), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- c. On August 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-455 which, among other things, established an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit (to accommodate the planned Butterball D #18-75HN Well), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- d. On August 8, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-464 which, among other things, established an approximate 400-acre wellbore spacing unit for the $E\frac{1}{2}$ W½ and W½ $E\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 19 and the NE¼ NW¼ and NW¼ NE¼ of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well within the unit (to accommodate the planned Butterball D #19-75HN Well), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- e. On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-494 which, among other things, established one 320-acre wellbore spacing unit within Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, and authorized one horizontal well within the unit to accommodate the drilled Gurtler H24-99HZ Well (API No. 05-123-32647) for the development and production of oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- f. On October 1, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-712 which, among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 320-acre designated wellbore spacing unit established for the S½ of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Dechant H25-64-1HN Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

- g. On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-727 which, among other things, pooled all interests in two approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing units in Sections 19 and 30, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 24 and 25, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., to accommodate the Adams D30-29 and Adams D30-30 Wells, for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- h. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1173 which, among other things, pooled all interests within an approximate 649.21-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Moser H22-715 Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- i. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1175 which, among other things, pooled all interests within an approximate 640.32-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. for the Moser H34-717 Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- j. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1176 which, among other things, pooled all interests within and approximate 730.58-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 10, 11, 14, 15 and 23, Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Moser H22-711 Well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. Applicant designated the two horizontal Wellbore Spacing Units defined in this Application for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations pursuant to Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.
- 7. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), hereby requests an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests and any party failing to fulfill its election, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 760-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Emmy State H25-785 (API No. 05-123-46980):

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: SW1/4SW1/4
Section 14: SE1/4SE1/4
Section 23: E1/2E1/2
Section 24: W1/2W1/2
Section 25: W1/2W1/2

Section 26: E½E½

Section 36: NW1/4NW1/4

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

(throughout as "WSU #1").

- 8. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this 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 Emmy State H25-785 (API No. 05-123-46980) to the Niobrara Formation in WSU #1 on the Application Lands.
- 9. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), hereby requests an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any non-consenting interests and any party failing to fulfill its election, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara and Codell Formations underlying the following approximate 677-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Emmy H25-711 (API No. 05-123-46968):

Township 3 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 13: SE1/4SE1/4 Section 24: E1/2E1/2 Section 25: E1/2E1/2

Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 18: SW1/4SW1/4 Section 19: W1/2W1/2 Section 30: W1/2W1/2

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

(throughout as "WSU #2").

- 10. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this 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 Emmy H25-711 (API No. 05-123-46968) to the Niobrara and/or Codell Formations in WSU #2 on the Application Lands.
- 11. Applicant will confirm the target interval for the Emmy H25-711 (API No. 05-123-46968) in WSU #2 for the Codell and/or Niobrara Formations in the Rule 511 testimony filed in support of this Application.
- 12. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 503.e., and that at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the

respective Wells, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 as applicable.

13. In order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in WSU #1 and WSU #2 should be pooled for the orderly development and operation of the Niobrara and Codell Formations, including any non-consenting interests therein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on July 30, 2018, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order:

- A. Pooling all interests, including but not limited to any non-consenting interests and any party failing to fulfill its election, in two designated horizontal Wellbore Spacing Units established for the Emmy State H25-785 (API No. 05-123-46980) in WSU #1 and the Emmy H25-711 (API No. 05-123-46968) in WSU #2 (collectively, the "Wells") for the development and operation of the in the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b) are first incurred for the drilling of the Wells in WSU #1 and WSU #2 for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations on the Application Lands.
- C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Wells are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Wells drilled to develop the Niobrara and Codell Formations in the Wellbore Spacing Units comprising the Application Lands.
- D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED June 4, 2018.

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STATE OF COLORADO)	
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER) ss.)	
she is a Land Manager for Noble Ene	first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says the rgy, Inc., and that she has read the foregoing contained are true to the best of her knowledge	ng
	Sue Ann Jack Attorney-In-Fact Noble Energy, Inc.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	4th day of <u>June</u> , 2018.	
Witness my hand and official seal.		
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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 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 11 day of June, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public

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Jamie L. Jost

Kelsey H. Wasylenky

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of June, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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