

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED)	Cause No. 535
APPLICATION OF BISON OIL AND GAS II, LLC)	
FOR AN ORDER MODIFYING ORDER NO. 535-)	Docket No. 180900681
940 AND ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION)	
RULES APPLICABLE TO THE DRILLING AND)	Type: WELL LOCATION
PRODUCING OF WELLS FROM THE)	SETBACK
NIOBRARA, FT. HAYS, CODELL, AND CARLILE)	
FORMATIONS WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED)	
1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT)	
COVERING SECTIONS 4 AND 9, TOWNSHIP 8)	
NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH P.M.,)	
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	
COLORADO.)	

AMENDED 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 **Amended** Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”) for an order modifying Order No. 535-940 insofar and only insofar for establishing well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Ft. Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations within an established 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its **Amended** Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant, owns leasehold interest and/or the right to operate, and is an Owner as defined by Commission rules, in the following lands (“Application Lands”):

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.

Section 4: All

Section 9: 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 March 8, 2011, as of February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 8, 9, and 10, North, Ranges 58 through 61 West, 6th P.M., and approved one horizontal well in 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, without exception being granted by the Director.

5. On September 23, 2011, as of 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 60 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 wellbore for the permitted wells to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director.

6. On February 11, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-265, which approved up to six horizontal wells within each of five established approximately 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the productive interval to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 600 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.

7. On April 5, 2013, as of March 25, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-287, which pooled all interests within five approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, and subjected all non-consenting owners to the cost recovery provisions under 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., for the drilling of the Hitz 1-9-8-60 Well (API 05-123-36421), the Sievers 20-44-8-61 Well (API 05-123-34346), the Castor 15-41-9-59 Well (API 05-123-34101), the Shull 1-25-9-60 Well (API 05-123-36996), and the Shull 35-11-9-60 Well (API 05-123-34032).

8. On February 12, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 535-940, which vacated Order No. 535-3 as to Section 4 of the Application Lands, vacated Order Nos. 535-69, 535-265, and 535-287 as to Section 9 of the Application Lands, and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit covering the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Ft. Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formation and authorized up to 20 horizontal wells within the unit with the productive interval of each wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary, and no closer than 100 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

9. To promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara, Ft. Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations within the Application Lands and to prevent waste, Applicant requests that the Commission enter an order to modify Order No. 535-940 insofar and only insofar as to the unit boundary setback to allow the productive interval of each authorized well within the unit to be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundary, but maintain the setback between the productive interval of the authorized wellbores at ~~100~~ 150 feet, unless an exception is granted by the Director.

10. Applicant's request to modify the unit boundary setback will allow for the most efficient drainage of the Niobrara, Ft. Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, prevent waste, not adversely affect correlative rights, and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Ft. Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations.

11. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this **Amended** Application shall be served on each interested party within seven (7) days after filing of the **Amended** Application as required by Rules 503.e. and 507.b.(1), (4).

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 8th day of August, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERIFICATION

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

Robert Pierini, Vice President of 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
VP of Land

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:_____

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

DPOC, LLC
Noble Energy Inc.
Noble Energy WYCO, LLC
OOGC America, LLC
Robert Leppard
Verdad Resources, LLC
Haimo Oil & Gas, LLC
IOCL (USA) Inc.
Oil India (USA) LLC

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STATE OF COLORADO	§
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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 August __, 2018, I caused a copy of the attached **Amended** Application to be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Geoffrey W. Storm

Subscribed and sworn to before me August __, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
My commission expires: _____