BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION 20 2018 OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY)	Cause No. 535
VERDAD RESOURCES, LLC FOR AN ORDER)	
TO MODIFY AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE)	Docket No. 190100019
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT TO INCLUDE)	
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ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE)	
NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, CODELL, AND)	
CARLILE FORMATIONS FOR SECTION 3,)	
TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH)	
P.M., UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY,)	
COLORADO	,	

APPLICATION

Verdad Resources, LLC ("Applicant" or "Verdad"), Operator No. 10651, by and through its attorneys, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order modifying an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations and to approve a total of up to sixteen horizontal wells within the unit with well location rules such that the treated interval of each wellbore within the unit shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in Colorado.
- 2. Applicant, owns leasehold interests and/or the right to drill, and is an Owner as defined by Commission rules, in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 3: All

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

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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 July 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-41 which established nine approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to 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 wellbores located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries without exception being granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 5. On September 23, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-79, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved cost-recovery pursuant to Section 34-60-116(7), C.R.S., against any nonconsenting interests in the first horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Application Lands are subject to this order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-216, which approved up to four horizontal wells within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore 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 in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 7. On April 5, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-291, which approved up to a total of six horizontal wells within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 3, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore 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 in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director. The Application Lands are subject to this order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 8. To promote efficient drainage, and to assist in preventing waste, Applicant requests that the Commission modify an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-described Application Lands to include the Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, and to approve ten additional horizontal wells within the unit, for a total of sixteen horizontal wells, with well location rules such that the treated interval of each wellbore within the unit shall be located no closer than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the productive interval of any other wellbore located within the unit, unless an exception is granted by the Director:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 3: All

- 9. The target formations for horizontal development consist of the respective benches of the Niobrara Formation and the Codell Formation. However, to account for the relative thickness of the Codell Formation in this area, Applicant has requests that the Fort Hays Formation and Carlile Formation be included within the established unit. Any unintentional deviation of a permitted Codell formation horizontal well into the Fort Hays Formation or the Carlile Formation will not materially impact the drainage calculations or economics.
- 10. Applicant requests authority to drill those wells necessary to determine the appropriate well density that allows for the most economic and efficient drainage of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell, and Carlile Formations, that prevents waste, that protects correlative rights, and that assures the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Application Lands.
- 11. The proposed drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be drained by the proposed wells within the unit, and will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 12. Applicant states that the wells be drilled and operated from three (3) surface locations within the unit or from legal locations on adjacent lands, without exception granted by the Director.
- 13. The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within seven (7) days after filing of the Application as required by Rules 503.e., 507.b.(1), and 507.c.

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.

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Dated this // th day of November, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
CITY & COUNTY OF DALLAS)

Lemar Safi, Landman for Verdad Resources, LLC, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

VERIOAD RESOURCES, LLC

Lemar Safi Landman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>0</u>th day of November 2018 by Lemar Safi, Landman for Verdad Resources, LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

CRISTY L. THORNTON Notary Public, State of Texas Comm. Expires 05-23-2020 Notary !D 126531136 Votary Public

My Commission Expires:

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EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

Weld County

Jason Maxey Weld County Department of Planning Services 1555 North 17th Ave. Greeley CO 80631

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Attn: Oil and Gas Liaison 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South Denver, CO 80246-1530

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Northeast Region Office 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

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INTERESTED PARTIES

Continental Resources Oil India (USA) Inc. IOCL Inc. Haimo Oil & Gas LLC Noble Energy Inc. Red Hawk Petroleum LLC DPOC LLC TAK Mountain, LLC Mile Hi Oil & Gas, Inc. **Diversified Operating Corporation Duncan Energy Properties** Foundation Energy Fund III_B Holding, LLC Foundation Energy Fund IV-B Holding, LLC Great Western Oil & Gas Co. Grizzly Petroleum Company LLC Diamond Resources Co **Bold Resources LLC** Prima exploration Inc Apple Creek LLC Blackland Petroleum LLC Gene F. Lang & Co Prima Exploration, Inc. As Nominee for Marshall Resources, LLC GT Reed and Associates LLC Mile Hi Oil & Gas Tak Mountain LLC Foundation Energy Fund III-A, LP Foundation Energy Fund IV-A, LP Martin Oil & Gas Corporation

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Exhibit B - Application Lands

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO §

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 Verdad Resources, LLC and that on or before November 2018, I caused a copy of the attached 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 November <u>30</u>, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

8/29/2021

MELISSA A. MORMAN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 19894012434 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 29, 2021