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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)	CAUSE NO.	407	
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES)			
TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE	,	DOCKET NO.		
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG				
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO		TYPE	POOLING	7

<u>APPLICATION</u>

PDC Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 69175) ("PDC"), by and through its attorneys, Burns, Figa, & Will, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order pooling all interests within an approximate 360-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as further defined below, for the drilling of the Popham 19N Well (API No. 05-123-47819) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara formation on the following described lands:

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3: E½E½

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 34: S½SE¼

Weld County, Colorado, containing approximately 360.00 acres ("Application Lands")

In support of its Application, PDC states and alleges as follows:

- 1. PDC is a corporation duly authorized to do business in Colorado and is registered as an operator in good standing with the Commission.
- 2. PDC is an Owner with the right to drill into and produce from the Application Lands.
- 3. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, the Greater Wattenberg Area Special Well Location, Spacing and Unit Designation Rule. Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. and Section 2 and Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.
- 4. 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-Niobrara Formations, the Codell Formation, and the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 2 and Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th

P.M., and Section 34, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order 407-1.

- 5. On August 12, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 407-461, which, among other things, established an approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for the S½S½ of Section 3, the N½N½ of Section 10, all of Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., for the accommodation of the planned Oredigger C #10-69HN Well, from the Niobrara formation. Order No. 407-461 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- 6. On October 29, 2018, the Commission entered Order No. 407-2665, which, among other things, established an approximate 1,360 acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of All Section 1, All Section 2, and the E½E½E½, all of Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. for the development of up to 16 horizontal wells from the Codell and Niobrara formations. Order No. 407-2665 is not affected by this Application, and proceeds from any shared lands will be accounted for in the production of the Well.
- 7. As of the date of this Application, the COGCC has not published any additional orders affecting spacing of the Application Lands.
- 8. PDC designated an approximate 360-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation as provided by Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.
- 9. Under the provisions of Rule 530 and C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6)–(7), PDC requests an order pooling all interests, including the ability to drill through all tracts, in the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara formation underlying an approximate 360-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit for the Popham 19N Well (API No. 05-123-47819):

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: W½W½ Section 3: E½E½

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. Section 34: SE¼SE¼

Weld County, Colorado ("Wellbore Spacing Unit" in this Application)

- 10. PDC requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Popham 19N Well to the Niobrara formation on the Application Lands.
- 11. PDC certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all owners of the mineral estate, as indicated and required by Rule 507.b(2), underlying the tracts of the Application Lands to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof. There are

no unleased nonconsenting mineral owners within the Application Lands and PDC certifies that this Application complies with C.R.S. § 34-60-116, as amended. The list of Interested Parties is attached as Exhibit A.

12. In order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests and tracts in the Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly drilling and development of the Niobrara formation.

WHEREFORE, PDC respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that the Commission enter an Order:

- A. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands and the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Niobrara formation;
- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier date of the Application, or the date that the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Popham 19N Well in the Wellbore Spacing Unit to the Niobrara formation on the Application Lands; and
- D. Providing for such other findings and order as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED this 26th day of November, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

PDC Energy, Inc.

By: ____

Michael T. Jewell, Esq. #40902

Burns, Figa & Will, P.C.

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Greenwood Village, CO 80111

PDC Energy, Inc. Mr. J. Tyler Sims, MBA, CPL, Senior Regional Landman 1775 Sherman Street - Suite 3000 Denver, CO 80203

<u>VERIFICATION</u>

STATE OF COLORADO)	
)	SS
COUNTY OF DENVER)	

The undersigned, of lawful age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

- 1. He is a Senior Regional Landman PDC Energy, Inc., which address is 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000, Denver, CO 80203.
- 2. He has read the attached application for the Popham 19N Well, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

J. Tyler Sims, MBA, CPL

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of November, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 8/24/2022

TAYLOR HULBERT

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 20184034072

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 24, 2022

EXHIBIT A

Interested Parties

Popham 19N Well

PDC Energy, Inc.				
Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company, LLC*				
Incline Niobrara Partners, LP*				
CoBank, ACB				
Dan J. Oster Revocable Trust				
Denise A. Leafgren, life estate, remainder to Jackson T. Leafgren				
Dennis J. Hoshiko, life estate, remainder to Heather A. Hoshiko				
Diana L. Tomoi, life estate, remainder to Emily D. Tomoi				
Everett D. Kissler				
Gary D. Jackson and Valeen S. Jackson, as joint tenants				
Georgia Held				
James D. Eckhardt				
Jeanne L. Gilley				
Jerold J. Hoffman and Alice L. Hoffman, as joint tenants				
Lynn H. Koenig and Connie L. Koenig, as joint tenants				
Marlano Gonzalez				
Pawnee Butte Royalties, LLC				
Principle Energy, LLC				
R. Theodore Warner				
Robert L. Weil Trust FBO Richard F. Weil, Investors Independent Trust Company and				
Richard F. Weil, Co-Trustees				
Rolene M. Barnhart				
Ronald J. McNutt and Karen F. McNutt, as joint tenants				
Scott A Beaman and Brenda A Bryant, as joint tenants				
Teresa Ley Mercer				
Thomas Scheirman				
Willadeen R. Oster				
William T. Matlock Trust				
Wyoming Trust Company, Trustee of the Robert L. Weil Trust FBO Ronald Weil B2				

EXHIBIT B

Plat

Popham 19N Well



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO))))	CAUSE NO.	407			
		DOCKET NO.	190100111			
		TYPE:	POOLING			
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CERTIFICATE OF	SI	ERVICE				
Michael T. Jewell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:						
That he is the attorney for PDC Energy, Inc., and that on November 30, 2018, he caused a copy of the Application submitted to COGCC on November 26, 2018, to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the interested parties with known addresses listed on Exhibit A to the Application.						
By: Michael T Jewell, Esq. License #40902 Burns, Figa & Will, P.C.						
6400 S. Fiddler's Green Circle – Suite 1000						
Greenwo	oa '	Village, CO 80111				
STATE OF COLORADO)						
) SS. COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE)						
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of November, 2018						
My commission expires: October 10, 2032						
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PAMELA K. BRUNSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20044011125
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 10, 2022