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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY HIGHPOINT OPERATING CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POOL ALL INTERESTS WITHIN AN APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO. 190100

TYPE: POOLING

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW HighPoint Operating Corporation (Operator No. 10071) ("HighPoint" or "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 an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands (as defined below), for the development and operation from the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. HighPoint is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
- 2. Applicant is an Owner and/or Operator, as defined by the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Act, C.R.S. § 34-60-101, *et seq*, and the 100 Series Commission Rules, and own certain leasehold interests or the right to operate leasehold interests in the Application Lands:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 35: All Section 36: All

1,280-acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado.

These lands are referred to as 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. Sections 35 and 36, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.
- 4. On February 22, 2011 (Corrected April 4, 2013), the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-779 and 535-4 which, among other things, established 74 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units, and approved one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara

Formation. Sections 35 and 36, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.

- 5. On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1085 which vacated an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit and established an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit and approved up to 16 horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Sections 35 and 36, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. are subject to this Order for the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. On October 27, 2014, the Commissioon entered Order No. 407-1124 which amended Order No. 407-1085 to apply to previously unnoticed parties in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 35 and 36, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 7. On December 15, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1183 which pooled all interests within an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 35 and 36, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup>P.M., and subjected any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S. for the Coffelt #5-61-35-0108BH2 well, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 8. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), C.R.S., 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 drilling and spacing unit established for the Application Lands for the drilling of the Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-1609B, Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-1724B, Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-3225B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-4841B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-4841B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-4956B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-6457B (API Nos. Pending) ("Wells").
- 9. 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 § 34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Wells to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 10. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning a recorded and known interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 503.e., and that at least 60 days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such recorded and known interest owner not already leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease and/or participate and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530 and § 34-60-116, C.R.S. as applicable.

11. In order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the drilling and spacing unit should be pooled for the orderly development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, including any non-consenting interests therein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing on January 28-29, 2019, 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 the following approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Section 35: All Section 36: All

1,280-acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado.

- 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 Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-1609B, Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-1724B, Anschutz Coffelt 5-61-35-3225B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-3340B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-4841B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-4956B, Anschutz Equus Farms 5-61-6457B ("Wells") for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- C. Providing that any party who fails to make a timely election to lease or to participate, or who fails to fulfil its election is pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to § 34-60-116(6) and (7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Wells drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the drilling and spacing unit comprising the Application Lands.
- D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

Dated: November 29, 2018.

### HIGHPOINT OPERATING CORPORATION

Ву:

Jamie L. Jost Kelsey H. Wasylenky Jost Energy Law, P.C. Attorneys for Applicant 1401 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 370 Denver, Colorado 80202 (720) 446-5620

Applicant's Address:
HighPoint Operating Corporation
ATTN: Teale Stone
1099 18th Street, Suite 2300
Denver, CO 80202

#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
5	) ss.
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)

Teale Stone, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Landman for HighPoint Operating Corporation, and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Teale Stone, Landman

**HighPoint Operating Corporation** 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of November, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20184043610
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MOVEMBER 8, 202

[SEAL]

My commission expires: November 8, 2027

Notary Public

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO	)
	)ss.
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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, 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 day of December, 2018.

Witness my hand and official seal.

**NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20144023899

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 16, 2022

**CHARLOTTE LAWLESS** 

#### Exhibit A HighPoint- FP Anschutz

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CL Energy Rockies, L.L.C. 201 Main St., Suite 1900 Fort Worth, TX 76102

Heirs, devisees or successors of Michael A. Shikany a/k/a M.A. Shikany P.O. Box 2799 Casper, WY 87602

Heirs, devisees or successors of Michael A. Shikany a/k/a M.A. Shikany 330 W 14th St. Casper, WY 82601

Heirs, devisees or successors of Michael A. Shikany a/k/a M.A. Shikany 234 W. 12th St. Casper, WY 82601

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Estate of Dorothy M. Dixon, C/o Patrick Dixon, Esq. 104 S. Wolcott Suite 600 Casper, WY 82601

Sharon J. Brennan 2540 Grand Overlook Drive Grand Junction, CO 81507

Marcia L. Brennan 1223 Race Street, #601 Denver, CO 80206

Joan L. Brennan P.O. Box 914 Cheyenne, WY 82001 The Castle Living Trust dated May 14, 2002, Carolyn Lee Castle and Edward Gary Castle, Trustees 1416 N Pinnon Rd Grants Pass, OR 97526

The Morris Loving Trust dated September 20, 1995, Thomas J. Morris and Sharon M. Morris, Trustees 456 Pinnon Rd Grants Pass, OR 97526

Mary Anne McCourt 735 Jefferson St, NE Albuquerque, NM 87110

The John D. Stephenson Family Trust Margaret A. Stephenson, Trustee 1357 43rd Avenue, #27 Greeley, CO 80634

Reba F. Shikany, aka Rebecca F. Shikany, as an heir, devisee or successor to M. A. Shikany, and S.A. Shikany 4434 E Cortez Street Phoenix, AZ 85028

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Exemption Trust of Wayne W. Dawson and Mary Ann Dawson Family Trust dated June 12, 1990, amended August 30, 1995
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San Jose, CA 95138

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Cheryl S. Klein 475 W. 12th Ave. Unit 6G Denver, CO 80204

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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 HighPoint Operating Corporation, and that on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, I caused a copy of the Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Affidavit.

Jamie L. Jost

Kelsey H. Wasylenky

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