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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, AND 24, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

#### **APPLICATION**

Noble Energy, Inc., Operator No. 100322 ("Noble" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order pooling all interests in an approximate 640-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 3 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant is an owner in the below-listed lands:

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

Section 13: W½W½

Section 14: E½E½

Section 23: E½E½

Section 24: W½W½

Wellbore Spacing Unit ("WSU") No. 1

640 acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado.

These lands are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Application Lands."

3. 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 again amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A.

- 4. Upon information and belief, Applicant designated an approximate 640-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, for the below-described well, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Applicant notified all owners in the proposed wellbore spacing unit pursuant to Rule 318A.e.(5). Applicant did not receive objections to the establishment of the proposed horizontal wellbore spacing units within the 30-day response period:
- a. Guttersen D23-711 Well (API No. 05-123-48845) Niobrara Formation WSU No. 1;

This well is hereinafter referred to as the "Subject Well."

- 5. Acting pursuant to the relevant provisions of §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and Rule 530., Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests, including, but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in WSU No. 1 established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. 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 Subject Well within WSU No. 1.
- 7. Further, Applicant requests 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 Subject Well, are made subject to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.
- 8. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §§34-60-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 9. Applicant requests that relief granted under this Application should be effective on oral order by the Commission, and Applicant hereby agrees to be bound by said oral order.
- 10. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party as required by Rules and Rule 503.

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

A. Pooling all interests in WSU No. 1 established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, 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 Subject Well within WSU No. 1.

- B. 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 Subject Well, are made subject to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.
- C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** 

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#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	) ) ss.
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	) 55.

Ryan D. Antonio, Attorney-In-Fact for Noble Energy, Inc., upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Motion and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

Ryan D. Antonio

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>RP</sup> day of January , 2019, by Ryan D. Antonio, Attorney-In-Fact for Noble Energy, Inc.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 8 3

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ASHLEY GRILZ
Notary Public
State of Colorado
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My Commission Expires 08-30-2021

**Notary Public** 

### Exhibit A

## Reference Map for Pooling Application

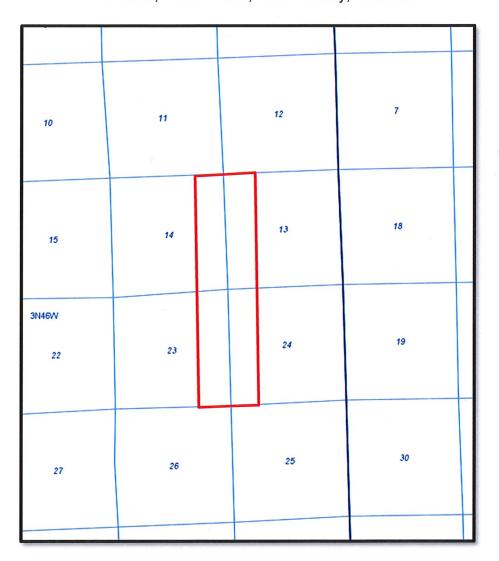
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Section 24: W1/2W1/2

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NO. 407
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE NIOBRARA	)	DOCKET NO. 190400263
FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	TYPE: POOLING
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	TYPE: POOLING

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 2019, a true and correct copy of the Application and Notice of Hearing in the above-referenced docket were deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, addressed to the parties in the list attached hereto.

DATED this day of February, 2019

Grace Go-Hoveland

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