

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
MALLARD EXPLORATION, LLC FOR AN
ORDER TO APPROVE 300' REDUCED
SETBACKS ON THE BOUNDARIES OF AN
APPROXIMATE 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND
SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR
SECTIONS 28 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH,
RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE
NIOBRARA, FORT HAYS, CODELL AND
CARLILE FORMATIONS, UNNAMED FIELD,
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 535

DOCKET NO. 190400 ____

TYPE: EXCEPTION LOCATION

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Mallard Exploration, LLC (Operator No. 10670) ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to approve 300-foot reduced setbacks on the unit boundaries of an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. for the efficient and economic production from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations underlying the below-described lands. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Applicant is an Owner as defined by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act and Commission Rules and owns leasehold interests or holds the right to operate on the following lands (hereafter "Application Lands"):

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

Section 28: All

Section 33: All

Weld County, Colorado, 1280-acres, more or less.

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

3. On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-378 which established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

4. On July 29, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 535-390, which established two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for Sections 32 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

5. On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order 535-520, which, among other things, vacated two approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units established for Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit in Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., and approved four horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations.

6. On November 28, 2017, the Commission entered Order No. 535-897 which amended Order 535-520, insofar as it applies to the 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit previously established for Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., to include the Fort Hays and Carlile Formations and approved a total of up to 16 horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Carlile, and Codell Formations.

7. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should approve 300-foot reduced setbacks for the boundaries of the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production, development and operation of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations.

8. The above-proposed reduced setbacks will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations, will prevent waste, will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs.

9. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party, as required by Rule 507.a.(1).

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing on April 29 - 30, 2019, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order to:

A. Approve reduced productive interval setbacks of not less than 300' from the boundaries of an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.


B. Find that the reduced setbacks on the unit boundaries of the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations on the Application Lands will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and maximize the efficient and economic production of the Niobrara, Fort Hays, Codell and Carlile Formations on the Application Lands.

C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

DATED January 29, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:


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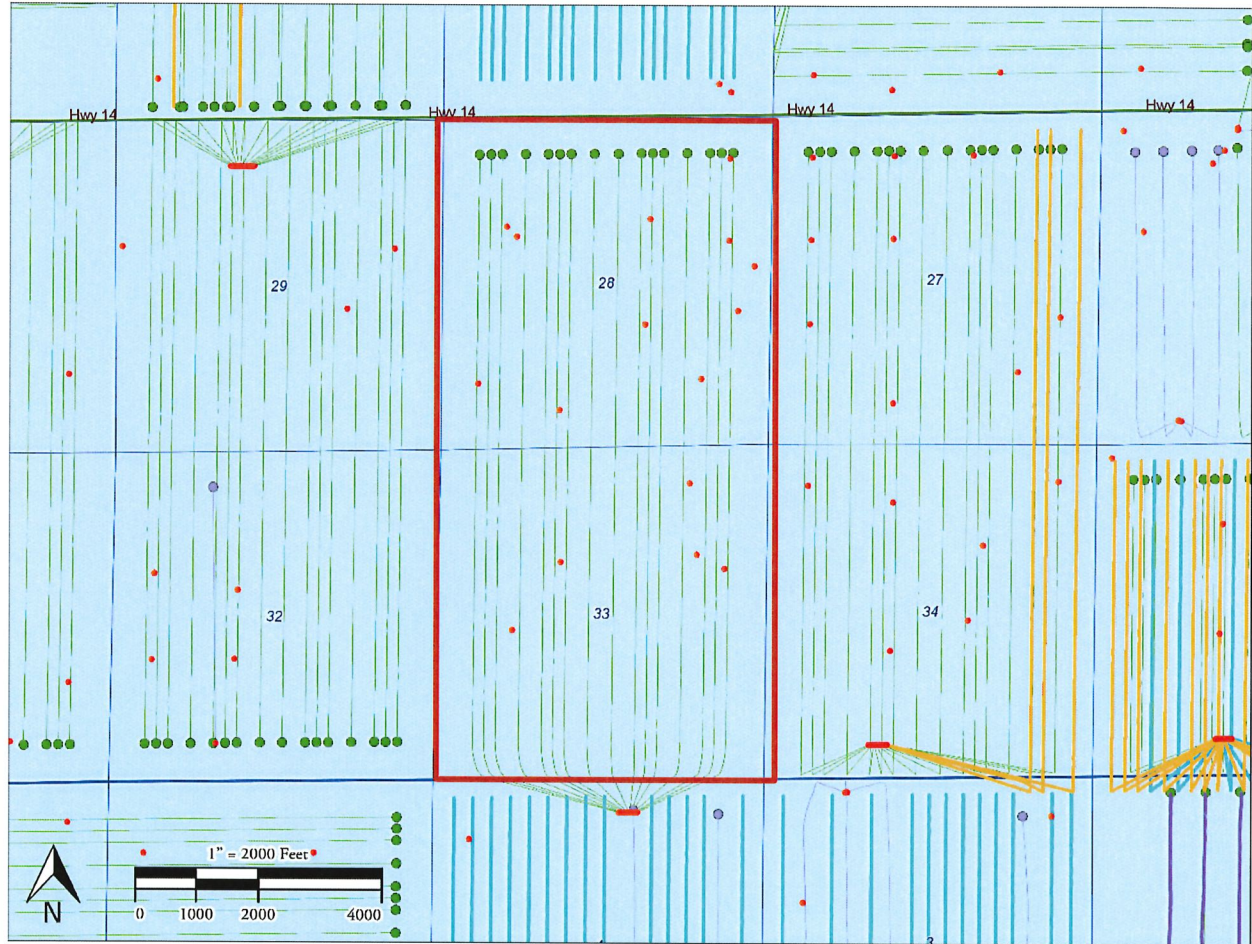
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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEBRUARY 13, 2022

My commission expires: 2/13/22


Notary Public

Reference Map

Sections 28 and 33, Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the Application and Notice of Hearing in the above-referenced docket were deposited in the U.S. mail on or before February 28, 2019 postage pre-paid, to the interested parties listed on the attached Exhibit A.

DATED this 25th day of March 2019.



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Exhibit A
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