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

| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF      | )               |
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| ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. FOR AN ORDER | )               |
| ESTABLISHING SPACING AND WELL            | )               |
| LOCATION RULES FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK     | )               |
| AND ILES FORMATIONS OF THE MESAVERDE     | ) Cause No. 139 |
| GROUP FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN     | ) Docket No     |
| THE RULISON FIELD AREA, GARFIELD         | )               |
| COUNTY COLORADO                          | )               |

#### **APPLICATION**

EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order establishing spacing rules applicable to the drilling and producing of wells from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group covering certain described lands in the Rulison Field area, Garfield County, Colorado and in support of its Application states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
  - 2. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the following described lands:

Township 7 South, Range 95 West, 6th P.M.

Section 20: All

Section 21: All

Section 28: All

Section 29: All

Garfield County, Colorado.

(hereafter the "Application Lands")

- 3. That with respect to the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group, the Application Lands are subject to the Commission's Order No. 139-31, which provides for optional drilling of sixteen wells for each 640-acre drilling and spacing unit with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 400 feet from the outer boundaries of the drilling unit and no closer than 800 feet from any well or wells producing from the Williams Fork Formation.
- 3. That with respect to the Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group, the Application Lands are subject to the Commission's Order No. 139-3, which provides for optional drilling of one well for each 640-acre drilling and spacing unit with the permitted wells to be located no closer than 990 feet from the outer boundaries of the drilling unit.
- 4. That Applicant has drilled, tested and completed multiple wells in the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group upon the Application Lands and/or other nearby lands.

5. That to promote efficient drainage within the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of

the Mesaverde Group of the Application Lands, the Commission should increase the number of

wells which can be optionally drilled into and produced from each of the Williams Fork and Iles

Formation of the Application Lands which constitute existing drilling units (or portions thereof) to

the equivalent of one well per 20 acres, or thirty-two wells for each 640-acre drilling and spacing

unit.

6. That as to all future Williams Fork/lles wells to be drilled upon the Application

Lands, each well may be located downhole in the established drilling and spacing unit but no

closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of the unit and no closer than 400 feet from any

existing Williams Fork or Iles well without exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and

Gas Conservation Commission.

7. Applicant commits that wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled

from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given

quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas

Conservation Commission, and that both the Williams Fork and Iles formations will be reached

from a single wellbore, *i.e.*, separate wells will not be drilled to reach each formation.

8. That the above-proposed spacing and well location rules will allow more efficient

drainage of the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group; will prevent waste;

will not adversely effect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas

and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.

9. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the

information and belief of the Applicant will be submitted within seven (7) days of the date of this

Application as required under Rule 503.d.

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.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **VERIFICATION**

| STATE OF COLORADO  | )  |
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| CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER  | ) ss.<br>)   |
|  | ator of EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., upon oath deposeing Application and that the statements contained therein information and belief. |
|  | ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.  |
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|  | By:<br>Greg Ryan, CPL<br>Land Negotiator   |
| Subscribed and sworn to before Ryan, CPL, Land Negotiator of EnCar | re me this day of, 2005, by Greg<br>na Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.  |
| Witness my hand and official s                                     | seal. My commission expires:   |
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|  | Notary Public  |

### EXHIBIT A

### INTERESTED PARTIES

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