

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
CEDAR RIDGE, LLC FOR AN ORDER VACATING	)	
ORDER NO. 517-3 FOR THE RATON AND	)	
VERMEJO COAL FORMATIONS COVERING	)	
CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED IN LAS ANIMAS	)	Cause No. _____
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	Docket No. _____

APPLICATION

Cedar Ridge, LLC ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, respectfully applies to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order vacating a previous order which established 160-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Townships 29 through 31 South, Ranges 65 and 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. for the production of gas from the Raton and Vermejo Coal Formations and also to vacate in its entirety the previously adopted Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environmental Plan of the Applicant. In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
2. Applicant is the former operator and owner of leasehold interests in all or portions of the lands included within Order No. 517-3 more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Through the Order entered into on October 31, 2000, this Commission adopted 160-acre drilling and spacing units for production from the Raton and Vermejo Coal Formations and specifically adopted the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environmental Plan submitted by Cedar Ridge, LLC.
3. Between 2000 and 2003, Cedar Ridge drilled and completed 36 wells in the Application area. Moreover, Cedar Ridge complied with the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environmental Plan by conducting and completing the initial baseline samples for water quality

prior to drilling the initial monitoring well, drilled the water monitoring well, compiled and submitted a groundwater hydrology report, completed water quality testing within one year of completion, repeated water quality testing within three years of completion, provided quarterly fluid levels to the Commission from the groundwater monitoring well, and undertook pressure monitoring all as provided in the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environmental Plan.

4. Of the original 36 wells that were drilled and completed by the Applicant, 11 have been plugged and abandoned as identified on Exhibit B and 25 of those wells have been properly converted to water wells in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of this Commission and the State of Colorado Engineer and have been conveyed and assigned to the surface owners.

5. All pits have been abandoned and properly closed and all reclamation as required has been completed.

6. The entire project has been abandoned as of November 2003. All requirements necessary to vacate the spacing order in this unproductive area have been complied with by the Applicant.

7. Applicant requests to be relieved from further obligations under the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environment Plan. The Plan itself provides as follows:

#### Economic Life of Project

Should the proposed well program contemplated by Cedar Ridge be abandoned due to economics, lack of production or otherwise, Cedar Ridge shall be permitted to request that the Commission grant it relief from the ongoing monitoring obligations described herein.

In accordance with this paragraph, Cedar Ridge requests relief from any further obligations under the Public Health, Safety, Welfare and Environmental Plan and also requests that the spacing order be vacated in its entirety.

8. Upon information and belief the names and addresses of the interested parties are set forth on Exhibit C, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing on the Commission's May 2006 docket and that the Commission enter its Order consistent with the Applicant's request as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

Terry L. Logan as Manager of Cedar Ridge, LLC, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

CEDAR RIDGE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terry L. Logan, Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2006, by Terry L. Logan as  
Manager of Cedar Ridge, LLC

Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

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## **EXHIBIT A**

### **Description of Lands**

#### **Las Animas and Huerfano Counties, Colorado**

##### **Township 29 South, Range 66 West**

Section 25: S/2

Section 26: S/2

Section 27: S/2

Sections 34 through 36

##### **Township 30 South, Range 65 West**

Sections 4 through 9, 16 through 21, 28 through 33

##### **Township 30 South, Range 66 West**

Sections 1 through 3, 10 through 15, 19 through 36

##### **Township 31 South, Range 65 West**

Section 3: W/2

Sections 4 through 8

Section 9: E/2

##### **Township 31 South, Range 66 West**

Sections 1 through 12

##### **Township 31 South, Range 67 West**

Section 1 through 2, 10 through 15

## EXHIBIT B

### List of Wells (36 wells plus one water well permitted by the State Engineer)

Well Name	API No.	Location
<b>Transferred to Surface Owners (25) as Water Wells:</b>		
Adobe Canyon 25-11	05-071-07005	NE/4SW/4 Section 25-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Adobe Canyon 30-2	05-071-07034	SW/4NW/4 Section 30-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
County Line 27-1	05-055-06231	SW/4NE/4 Section 27-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
County Line 27-3	05-071-07068	SW/4SW/4 Section 27-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Luis Canyon 5-2	05-071-07067	NE/4NW/4 Section 5-T31S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Mauricio Canyon 1-2	05-071-07070	SW/4NW/4 Section 1-T31S-R66w, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Mauricio Canyon 33-1	05-071-07033	SW/4NE/4 Section 33-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Merritt 29-1	05-071-06887	NE/4NW/4 Section 29-T30S-R65W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Merritt 29-2	05-071-06888	SW/4NW/4 Section 29-T30S-R65W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Ortiz School 34-1	05-071-06994	NE/4SW/4 Section 34-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Ortiz School 34-3	05-071-07086	NW/4NE/4 Section 34-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Ortiz School 35-3	05-071-07069	NE/4SW/4 Section 35-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 20-1	05-055-06235	NE/4NE/4 Section 20-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 21-3	05-055-06229	SE/4SW/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 21-4	05-055-06239	SW/4SE/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 21-5	05-055-06234	SW/4NW/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 21-6	05-055-06282	NW/4SE/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 22-3	05-055-06236	SW/4SW/4 Section 22-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 22-4	05-055-06240	SW/4SE/4 Section 22-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 28-2	05-055-06233	SW/4NW/4 Section 28-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 28-6	05-055-06281	NE/4NW/4 Section 28-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 29-1	05-055-06246	SE/4NE/4 Section 28-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Turcotte 21-4	05-055-06208	SE/4NE/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Wheeler Canyon 36-1	05-071-07032	NW/4NE/4 Section 36-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Wheeler Canyon 36-2	05-071-07030	NE/4NW/4 Section 36-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
<b>Plugged and Abandoned Wells (11):</b>		
Adobe Canyon 25-4	05-071-07066	SW/4SE/4 Section 25-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Luis Canyon 8-1	05-071-07383	SE/4SE/4 Section 8-T31S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Merritt 29-4	05-071-06904	SW/4NW/4 Section 29-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Ortiz School 35-2	05-071-07071	NW/4NW/4 Section 35-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Spring Canyon 20-2	05-055-06237	SW/4NW/4 Section 20-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Turcotte 21-1	05-055-06207	NW/4SE/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Turcotte 21-2	05-055-06204	NE/4SW/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Turcotte 21-3R	05-055-06205	NW/4SE/4 Section 21-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Wheeler Canyon 35-1	05-071-07031	NW/4NE/4 Section 35-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Wheeler Canyon 36-3	05-071-07028	NE/4SW/4 Section 36-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
Wheeler Canyon 36-4	05-071-07029	NW/4SE/4 Section 36-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.
<b>Water Well Permitted by the State Engineer (1)</b>		
Mauricio Canyon Water Water Monitor Well	Permit No. 234539	NE/4NE/4 Section 3-T30S-R66W, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M.

## **EXHIBIT C**

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