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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING SPACING AND WELL LOCATION RULES FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS THE MESAVERDE GROUP FOR OF CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE PARACHUTE FIELD AREA, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No. 440 Docket No. \_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION

EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("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 (the "Commission") for an order establishing spacing and well location 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 Parachute area, Garfield County, Colorado and in support of its Application states and alleges as follows:

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- 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, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 17: E/2E/2

Garfield County, Colorado.

(hereafter the "Application Lands").

3. Pursuant to COGCC Order 440-12, an approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Williams Fork Formation was established. Through Order 440-12, the said drilling and spacing unit of 320-acres shall consist of the E/2 and W/2 or the N/2 and S/2 of a section. The first well permitted in a section designates the drilling unit and shall be located no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of said unit and no closer than 1200 feet from any well producing or producible from the same formation for each governmental section at the option of the operator of the unit(s).

4. Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules and Regulations applies to the Iles Formation underlying the Applications Lands which requires that wells drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2500) feet in depth be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and located not less than one thousand two hundred (1200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well to the same common source of supply.

5. Through this Application, the Applicant requests to vacate the 320-acre drilling and spacing unit as to the Application Lands and establish 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formation. Additionally, Applicant requests the effective well density be the equivalent of one well per 20 acres for both the Williams Fork and the Iles Formations, and that the setback requirements be 200 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit and 400 feet from any existing Williams Fork or Iles well absent an exception from the Commission. Such unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by eight wells.

6. That Applicant has drilled, tested and completed multiple wells in the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group upon the lands nearby to Application Lands.

7. That to promote efficient drainage within the Williams Fork and Iles Formations of the Mesaverde Group of the Application Lands, the Commission should apply consistent rules to the Application Lands to 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.

8. 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. In this manner the wells will be economic as to both formations.

10. That the above-proposed spacing unit, density 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 reservoirs.

11. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

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# **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO

**CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER** 

Cynthia Crewson, Land Negotiator of EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., upon oath deposes and says that she has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

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By:\_\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Crewson, Land Negotiator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by Cynthia Crewson, Land Negotiator of EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

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

Notary Public

## EXHIBIT A

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

JRMD, LLC P.O. Box 1926 Rifle, CO 81650-1926

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ABO Petroleum Corporation 105 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artesia, NM 88210

Myco Industries, Inc. 105 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artesia, NM 88210

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