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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BILL BARRETT CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER FROM THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE TEN ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE WILLIAMS FORK FORMATION OF THE MESAVERDE GROUP UNDERLYING CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE MAM CREEK FIELD AREA, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 191

DOCKET NO.

# **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Bill Barrett Corporation ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorneys, Poulson, Odell & Peterson, LLC, and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order establishing an approximate ten (10) acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group underlying certain described lands in Garfield County, Colorado and in support of its application states and alleges as follows:

1. That Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. That Applicant owns the leasehold interests in the following described lands:

### Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P. M.

Section 36: S/2S/2S/2NW/4NE/4 Section 36: N/2N/2N/2SW/4NE/4

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

3. On February 22, 1994, the Commission issued Order No. 191-4 which established 640 acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation underlying certain described lands including Section 36 of Township 6 South, Range 92 West.

4. On November 13, 1997, the Commission issued Order No. 191-5 which vacated the 640 acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 36 of Township 6 South, Range 92 West and established in lieu thereof sixteen (16) 40-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Group.

5. On January 10, 2005, the Commission issued Order No. 191-8 which approved additional wells to be optionally drilled and produced from the Williams Fork Formation underlying the NW/4NE/4 and SW/4NE/4 of Section 36 in Township 6 South, Range 92 West to the equivalent of one well per 10 acres.

6. By its letter to Mr. Brian Macke, the Director of the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, dated August 10, 2006, Applicant self reported to the Commission Staff that the Scott 2-36 well drilled and completed as a vertical well in November 2001 by a predecessor operator had a downhole location in the Williams Fork Formation partially within the adjoining spacing unit. This mislocated downhole completion was not discovered by Applicant until it had undertaken a directional survey of the well and combined that data with its lease maps in 2006. The Scott 2-36 commenced production in January 2002 and continually produced until September 2005 when it was shut in due to gathering line pressure issues. The well continues to be shut-in but now Applicant desires to continue producing the well.

7. After Applicant self reported the downhole mislocation to the Commission Staff, its engineers undertook to determine the production from the Williams Fork Formation which was attributable to each of the 40 acre drilling and spacing units (i.e. 44.697% attributable to the lands north of the unit line and 55.303% attributable to the lands south of the unit line). These allocations then were sent out to all of the interested parties in each unit together with a request to approve voluntary pooling of all interests in the Application Lands. In many cases, approvals were given. However, Applicant did not receive 100% approval and therefore has determined that it is necessary to request the establishment of a ten acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the Application Lands for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group (see attached plat).

8. Therefore and based upon the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Application Lands be established as a ten (10) acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation of the Mesaverde Group with the Scot 2-36 well being the designated well for such unit and with production being allocated to lands and owners in the proportions of 44.697% for the S/2S/2S/2NW/4NE/4 of section 36 and 55.303% for the N/2N/2SW/4NE/4 of section 36.

9. That the above-proposed drilling and spacing unit will allow further development of the Williams Fork Formation to occur; will not promote waste; will not violate correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.

10. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in June, 2007, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's proposal as set forth above.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2007.

# POULSON, ODELL & PETERSON, LLC

By:\_\_\_\_\_ William A. Keefe Suite 1400 1775 Sherman Street Denver, Colorado 80203 STATE OF COLORADO ) ) CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )

William R. Givan, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is the Landman for Bill Barrett Corporation and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

SS.

William R. Givan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2007.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

#### EXHIBIT A

Duane G. Scott 344 Fairway Avenue Rifle, CO 81650

Miller Land & Cattle Company 7121 County Road 311 New Castle, CO 81647

VZ Walton Investments, LLC 1224 East McMurray Blvd Casa Grande, AZ 85222

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STATE OF COLORADO

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

William A. Keefe of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Bill Barrett Corporation, that on April \_\_\_\_\_, 2007 he caused a copy of the attached Application in the subject docket to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

William A. Keefe

Subscribed and sworn to before me April \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: July 22, 2007

Notary Public