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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)		
ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. FOR AN ORDER	)		
ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION RULES FOR	)		
THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS	)		
OF THE MESAVERDE GROUP FOR CERTAIN	)	Cause No. 440	
DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE PARACHUTE FIELD	)	Docket No	
AREA GARFIELD COUNTY COLORADO	ĺ		

## **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 field 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:

- 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 19: All

Garfield County, Colorado.

(hereafter the "Application Lands").

- 3. That the Application Lands are subject to Orders Nos. 139-31 and 440-18 of the Commission. Order No. 440-18 designates a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, and allows up to sixteen (16) optional wells as described herein. Through this Application, Applicant wishes to segregate the existing 640-acre drilling and spacing unit into two (2) 320-acre drilling and spacing units.
- 4. Additionally, as a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, allowable well density on the Application Lands is one (1) well per 40-acre tract for the Williams Fork Formation and one (1) well per 40-acre tract for the lles formation with setbacks of 400 feet from the outer boundary of the drilling and spacing unit and an interwell setback of 800 feet. Through this Application, and upon the segregation to (2) 320-acre drilling and spacing units, the Applicant requests the effective well density be the equivalent of one well per 20 acres for both the Williams Fork and the lles 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 lles well absent an exception from the Commission.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 in the new two (2) 320-acre units.

7. 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 lles well without

exception being granted by the Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

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.

9. That the above-proposed 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 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, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )	SS.		
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER )	33.		
	EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., upon oath deposes and says nd that the statements contained therein are true to the best of		
E	ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.		
E	By: Cynthia Crewson, Land Negotiator		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of March, 2007, by Cynthia Crewson, Land Negotiator of EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.			
Witness my hand and official seal. My	y commission expires:		
1	Notary Public		

### **EXHIBIT A**

### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

ABO Petroleum Corporation Myco Industries, Inc. Yates Drilling Company Yates Petroleum Company 105 S 4th Street Artesia, NM 88210

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Chevron Midcontinent LP 11111 S. Wilcrest Houston, TX 77099

Costilla Petroleum Corporation 511 West Texas Midland, TX 79701

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