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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	
WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION FOR	
AN ORDER ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION	CAUSE NO. 527
AND SETBACK RULES FOR THE DRILLING	
OF ILES AND SEGO FORMATION WELLS ON	DOCKET NO.
CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN RIO	
BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO	

# **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorneys, Poulson, Odell and Peterson, LLC, and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order establishing well location and setback rules applicable to the drilling and producing of wells from the Iles and Sego Formations of the Mesaverde Group underlying certain described lands in Rio Blanco 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 an affiliated company of Applicant owns oil and gas leasehold interests covering all or a portion of the following described lands (hereinafter "Application Lands"):

#### Township 2 South, Range 98 West Section 27: NE/4NE/4

3. That the Application Lands as to the Iles and Sego Formations are unspaced and subject to the Commission's Rule 318 (formerly Rule 316). Further, the Application Lands as to the Williams Fork Formation have been approved for the drilling of ten (10) acre density wells pursuant to the Commission's Order 527-1.

4. That, pursuant to the Commission's Order 572-3 dated March 26, 2007, optional ten acre density was granted for the drilling of Iles and Sego Formations Wells on the Application Lands with each such well to be located downhole anywhere upon such lands provided no such well shall be located any closer than 400 feet from the outside boundary of the Application Lands.

5. That various wells have been drilled, tested and completed in both the Iles and Sego Formations of the Mesaverde Group upon lands in the same general area as the Application Lands.

6. That as to the Application Lands, the Commission should continue to allow lles and Sego Formation wells to be optionally drilled upon a ten (10) acre density basis but amend the setback rules as set forth in Order 572-3 such that the permitted well may be located downhole anywhere upon the Application Lands but no closer than 100 feet from the outside boundary of the

Application Lands unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill 10-acre density wells for the lles and Sego Formations, in which event the lles and Sego Formation wells to be drilled upon the Application Lands should be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which 10-acre density downhole drilling for Iles and Sego Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission. It is understood that lles and Sego Formation wells may be drilled and completed only within wellbores drilled to the Williams Fork Formation and may not be drilled as separate wells.

7. That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from the equivalent of no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section unless exception is granted by the by the Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.

8. The granting of this application 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.

9. 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 October, 2007, 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: August\_\_\_\_, 2007

# POULSON, ODELL AND PETERSON, LLC

By:\_

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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

Bill R. Moomey of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the Regional Landman for Whiting Petroleum Corporation, parent company of Applicant, herein; that he has read the above and foregoing Application by him subscribed, knows the contents thereof, and that the allegations and matters therein stated are true and correct as he verily believes.

Bill R. Moomey

Subscribed and sworn to before me August\_\_\_\_, 2007. Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public

#### EXHIBIT A

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Industrial Gas Services, Inc. 4501 Wadsworth Blvd. Wheatridge, CO 80033

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO

SS.

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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 Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, that on August\_\_\_\_, 2007, he caused a copy of the attached Application 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 on August\_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: July 22, 2007.

Notary Public