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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHEVRON MIDCONTINENT, L.P. AND FOUR STAR OIL & GAS COMPANY, IGNACIO-BLANCO FIELD, LA PLATA COUNTY. COLORADO.

DOCKET NO.

#### **VERIFIED APPLICATION**

COMES NOW, the applicants, Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. and Four Star Oil & Gas Company ("Applicant"), by and through their attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. and make application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order to permit, at the option of the operator, third and fourth wells to be drilled in certain 320 acre drilling and spacing units in the Ignacio-Blanco Field in La Plata County, Colorado. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

Applicant is the owner of certain oil and gas leases and the operator of wells producing from the Fruitland Coal seams in the Ignacio-Blanco Field in the following described lands (grouped to indicate approximate 320 acre drilling and spacing units):

#### Township 34 North, Range 9 West, NUL

Section 1: N/2 and S/2

Section 2: S/2

#### Township 34 North, Range 8 West, NUL

Section 5: W/2

Section 7: N/2 and S/2

Section 8: N/2

#### Township 34.5 North, Range 9 West, NUL

Section 36: N/2 and S/2

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

- 1. By Cause No. 112, Order No. 112-60, entered June 17, 1988, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission established approximate 320 drilling and spacing units for production of methane gas from the Fruitland Coal seams in the Ignacio-Blanco Field, including those approximate 320 acre drilling and spacing units comprising the Application Lands
- 2. By Cause No. 112, Order No. 112-156 entered July 11, 2000, the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission granted, at the discretion of the operator, an additional well in certain described 320 acre drilling units including those constituting the Application Lands) for the

production from the Fruitland Coal seams, with the permitted well in each unit to be located in the in any undrilled quarter section no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line. Additional wells located in the E/2 of the irregular sections of Township 34.5 North shall be located no closer than 990 feet to any outer boundary of the unit, nor closer than 130 feet to any interior quarter section line.

- 3. Subsequent drilling and production operations in the Fruitland Coal seams in the Ignacio-Blanco Field have provided geological and engineering evidence to the effect that, within the approximate 320 acre drilling and spacing units constituting the Application Lands, two wells in the Fruitland coal seams will not efficiently and economically drain an area of 320 acres. Applicant believes and asserts that up to four (4) wells may be required in each such drilling and spacing unit of the Application Lands to drain the Fruitland Coal seams efficiently and economically. Applicant requests that, at the discretion of the operator, third and fourth optional wells be permitted to be drilled to and produce from the Fruitland Coal seams in each approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit of the Application Lands. Applicant alleges that each such drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be efficiently and economically drained by four wells in the Fruitland Coal seams, and that the correlative rights of all parties will be protected. Applicant further alleges that the additional wells may be drilled in a manner consistent with the protection of public health, safety and welfare.
- 4. To prevent waste, to protect correlative rights, to ensure the proper and efficient development of the Fruitland Coal seams in the Application Lands, and to ensure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the Fruitland Coal seams in the Application Lands, Applicant requests that after notice and hearing as provided by law, the Commission issue its order providing that, at the option of the operator, four wells may be drilled to and produced from the Fruitland Coal seams on each approximate 320-acre drilling and spacing unit of the Application Lands and that the permitted location for any well drilled to the Fruitland Coal seams should be located bottomhole within each 320 acre drilling unit no closer than 660 feet to any outer boundary of the unit and no closer than 130 feet to any interior section line with the Director having the right to approve exceptions to the permitted well locations for geological, topographic or surface location concerns.
- 5. Applicant states that to the best of its information and belief, Exhibit A attached hereto is the list of the names of owners required to be notified in accordance with Commission Rule 507.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing by the Commission; that notice hereof be given as required by law; and that upon hearing this Commission issue its order granting this Verified Application as requested. Applicant further requests that the Commission in its order grant such other provisions as the Commission may find to be necessary or desirable in the cause.

## DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. Four Star Oil & Gas Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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VERIFICATION		
STATE OF	SS.	
COUNTY OF)		
deposes and says that he has read	Land Representative of Chevron USA Inc., upon oath, the foregoing Verified Application before the Oil and Gas of Colorado, and states that the matters contained therein had belief.	
	Marty P. Babin	

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2008 by Marty P. Babin, Senior Land Representative of Chevron USA Inc.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

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ORDER NO: 112

COLORADO.	DOCKET NO:
	AFFIDAVIT OF MAIL
STATE OF CO	,
CITY AND CO	) ss. UNTY OF DENVER )
W declares:	Villiam A. Keefe, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and
Company, App attached Verif	that he is the attorney for Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. and Four Star Oil & Gas blicants herein; that on the day of October, 2008, he caused a copy of the lied Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, each of the parties listed on Exhibit "A" to the Application.
	By: William A. Keefe
S	Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of October 2008.
V	Vitness my hand and official seal.
N	ly commission expires:
	Notary Public

### **EXHIBIT A**

BP America Production Company Attn: Michael Walcher 185 Suttle Street Durango, CO 81303

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James Allen Dodrill Martha Dodrill 809 Hwy 172 Durango, CO 81303

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Red Willow Production LLC P.O. Box 369 Ignacio, CO 81137 Chevron Midcontinent, L.P. P.O. Box 4791 Houston, TX 77210-4791 XTO Energy Inc. P.O. Box 730586 Dallas, TX 75373-0586

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