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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DELTA PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR AN ESTABLISHING WELL LOCATION ORDER RULES FOR THE WILLIAMS FORK AND ILES FORMATIONS (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED ROLLINS, THE COZZETTE TO AND CORCORAN) OF THE MESAVERDE GROUP FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE BUZZARD CREEK FIELD AREA AND IN THE VEGA FIELD AREA AND VEGA UNIT, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause Nos. 1, 369 and 399 Docket No.

APPLICATION

Delta Petroleum Corporation ("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 (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozette and Corcoran, hereinafter "Iles") Formations of the Mesaverde Group covering certain described lands in the Buzzard Creek Field Area, Vega Field Area and Vega Unit, Mesa 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 operates existing oil and gas wells on or adjacent to the leasehold estate, including, but not limited to, the Williams Fork and Iles Formations, underlying the following described lands:

Township 8 South, Range 92 West Section 31: SW¼SE¼

Township 9 South, Range 92 WestSection 6:Lots 1-6, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$ (ALL)Section 7:Lots 1-4, $E\frac{1}{2}$ (ALL)Section 18:Lots 1-4, $E\frac{1}{2}$ (ALL)Section 19:Lots 1-4, $E\frac{1}{2}$ (ALL)

Township 8½ South, Range 93 West Section 1: Lots 1-3 (ALL)

Township 9 South, Range 93 West Section 1: Lots 2, 5, 6, 7, SW¼ NE¼ , NW¼ SE¼ (all that part of the E½ of Sec 1 outside of the Buzzard Creek Unit), Lot 3 & 4, S½ NW¼ Section 13: S½ S½ Section 14: SE¼ SE¼ Section 20: SE¼ Section 21: S½ Section 22: S½ N½ , S½ Section 23: ALL Section 25: ALL Section 26: ALL Section 27: ALL Section 28: ALL Section 29: E¹/₂ NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, E¹/₂ Section 33: E¹/₂ E¹/₂ Section 34: All Section 35: W¹/₂, SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄, N¹/₂ NE¹/₄ Section 36: ALL

Township 10 South, Range 93 West Section 1: Lots 7-10, $S^{1/2}_{2}$ NW¹/₄, that part of Tract 37 lying in the S¹/₄ NW1/4 and N1/2 SW1/4 Section 2: Lot 5-12, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, that part of Tract 37 lying in the NE¼SE¼ Section 3: S¹/₂N¹/₂, N¹/₂S¹/₂, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, Lots 1 through 4 (N¹/₂N¹/₂), S¹/₂ SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Section 4: All Section 5: S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ Section 8: E¹/₂ Section 9: W¹/₂ W¹/₂, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄, E¹/₂ NW¹/₄, NE¼ SE¼ Section 10: SW1/4 SW1/4, N1/2, N1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, SE1/4 Section 15: Tract 39 (N¹/₂NE¹/₄, except Lots 3 and 4, NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ except Lot 2), and Part of Tract 40 (NW1/4NW1/4 except Lot 1) Section 16: Part of Tract 40 N1/2NE¹/₄ except Lots 4 and 5, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ except Lots 2 and 3)

Mesa County, Colorado.

(hereafter the "Application Lands").

3. A portion of the Application Lands, specifically Township 9 South, Range 93 West, Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 ("Order 369-1 Lands") are subject to Order No. 369-1 of the Commission designating a 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas from the Mesaverde formation. Through Order Nos. 369-3 and 399-3, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, Section 22: S½ and all of Section 27 (as Operator's Option for "Standup" or "Laydown" spacing) were established as 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozzette and Corcoran).

4. Additionally, a portion of lands in Township 10 South, Range 93 West, Sections 1 and 2 ("Order 399-1 Lands") are subject to Order No. 399-1 designating a 320-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of gas from the Mesaverde formation. Through Order Nos. 369-3 and 399-3, portions of sections in the Application Lands of Township 8 South, Range 92 West, Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 92 West, Sections 6, 7, 18 and 19, Township 8 ½ South, Range 93 West, Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 93 West, Section 1, 13, 14, 21, 22-28, 35 and 36 and Township 10 South, Range 93 West, Sections 1-3 allow for increased density of one (1) well per twenty (20) acres to be optionally drilled into and produced from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozzette and Corcoran). For the lands within the 320-acre drilling and spacing units, the setback requirements are 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. For the lands outside the currently spaced 320-acre drilling and spacing units, the setback requirements are 200 feet from any lease line, and 400 feet from any existing Williams Fork or Iles well absent an exception from the Commission.

5. Additionally, Township 10 South, Range 93 West, portions of Sections 4, 5, 8-10, and 15-16 as described in the Application Lands are subject to Order 399-2 wherein the Commission allowed additional wells to be optionally drilled into and produced from the Mesaverde Group (including the Williams Fork, Cozzette and Corcoran Formations) the equivalent of one Williams Fork, Cozzette and Corcoran Formation well per 20 acres, each well located no closer than 200 feet from the boundaries of any lease line and no closer than 400 feet from any existing Mesaverde Group well without exception from the Commission.

6. Finally, the following lands are part of the Vega Unit, a federal exploratory unit:

<u>Township 9 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.</u> Section 33: E ¹/₂E ¹/₂ Section 34: All Section 35: W¹/₂, SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄ <u>Township 10 South, Range 93 West, 6th P.M.</u> Section 3: Lots 1 through 4 (N¹/₂N ¹/₂), S¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄ Section 4: SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SE¹/₄ Section 9: NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄ Section 10: N ¹/₂, N ¹/₂ SW ¹/₄, SE ¹/₄ SW ¹/₄ SE ¹/₄

(hereinafter "Vega Unit Lands")

The Vega Unit Lands are subject to Commission Order 1-222 which established a bottomhole setback distance of wells located within the Vega Unit at 200 feet from the exterior boundaries of the Vega Unit Lands for wells producing from the Mesaverde Formation.

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

8. 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, not including the Vega Unit 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, not including the Vega Unit Lands, which constitute existing drilling units (or portions thereof) to the equivalent of one well per 10 acres.

9. Through this Application, Applicant requests the Commission allow the equivalent of one (1) well per ten (10) acres to be optionally drilled for the Application Lands, but not for the Vega Unit Lands, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations (including but not limited to the Rollins, Cozzette and Corcoran). No drilling and spacing units are altered as a result of this Application. Additionally, Applicant requests that for the Application Lands, not including the Vega Unit Lands, that all future permitted wells be located no closer than 100 feet from the boundary of the unit or lease line (if unspaced), without exception granted by the Commission. In cases where the

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Application Lands, not including the Vega Unit Lands, abut or corner lands where the Commission has not, at the time of the drilling permit application, granted the right to drill 10-acre density Mesaverde or Iles Formation wells, the wells should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the boundary or boundaries of the drilling unit or lease line (if unspaced) abutting or cornering such lands, without exception granted by the Commission.

10. Additionally, for the Vega Unit Lands only, Applicant requests that all future permitted wells be located no closer than 100 feet from the exterior boundary of a federal exploratory unit without exception granted by the Commission. In cases where the Vega Unit Lands abut or corner lands where the Commission has not, at the time of the drilling permit application, granted the right to drill 10-acre density Mesaverde or Iles Formation wells, the wells should be located downhole no closer than 200 feet from the exterior boundary of a federal exploratory unit without exception granted by the Commission.

11. Applicant commits that no more than four (4) Mesaverde or Iles Formation wells shall be drilled on the Application Lands per governmental quarter quarter section. Additionally, Applicant commits that under this Application wells 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 proposal as set forth above.

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Dated this _____ day of January, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

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STATE OF COLORADO

CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER

C.E. "Duke" Harris, Land Manager of Delta Petroleum Corporation, upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

DELTA PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By:_____ C.E. "Duke" Harris, Land Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 2008, by C.E. "Duke" Harris, Land Manager of Delta Petroleum Corporation

Witness my hand and official seal. My commission expires:

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

INTERESTED PARTIES

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