BEFORE THE COLORADO OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
ROSETTA RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN)	
ORDER ESTABLISHING FIELD RULES TO)	Cause No. 315
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE VERNON)	
FIELD, YUMA COUNTY, COLORADO)	Docket No.
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<u>APPLICATION</u>

Rosetta Resources, 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 Niobrara Formation in an existing drilling and spacing unit covering certain described lands in Yuma County, Colorado and in support of its Application states and alleges as follows:

- Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant owns the leasehold or otherwise operates existing oil and gas wells on or adjacent to the leasehold estate, including, but not limited to, the Niobrara Formation, underlying the following described lands:

Township 1 South, Range 44 West, 6th PM

Section 22: All Section 23: All Section 24: All

Yuma County, Colorado.

(hereafter the "Application Lands").

- 3. That the Application Lands are subject to one or more of the Commission Orders, including Order No. 315-3 of the Commission.
 - 4. On November 20, 1978, through Order No. 315-3, the Commission established One

Hundred Sixty (160) acre drilling and spacing units for the Application Lands for the production of gas from the Niobrara Formation, with the permitted well located no closer than 900 feet from the boundaries of the quarter section upon which it is located, and the existing producing well or wells capable of production be considered the permitted wells for the units upon which they are located.

- 5. That Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara Formation upon the Application Lands and nearby the Application Lands.
- 6. That the Applicant is requesting that three additional wells be permitted in each existing 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Niobrara Formation (for a total of four (4) wells authorized in each drilling and spacing unit) covering the Application Lands. In support of the requested order, Applicant asserts that the one well previously authorized will not efficiently and economically drain each of the 160-acre drilling and spacing units, and that additional wells are necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to recover gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation all in accordance with the Colorado statutes and the rules and regulations of this Commission. Applicant asserts that the Application Lands are geologically identical to lands covered by Rule 318B.
- 7. Applicant requests that the additional wells be permitted to be drilled and completed as vertical, directional or horizontal wells, at Applicant's discretion. Applicant proposes that additional wells, whether vertical, directional or horizontal completions, be completed or recompleted in the operator's discretion with setbacks identical to Rule 318B.
- 8. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicants 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.

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A. Establishing that up to four (4) Niobrara Formation wells, whether such wells are directional or horizontal wells, may be completed in each 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.

B. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

Dated this ___ day of March, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosetta Resources, Inc.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)	
COUNTY OF) ss.	
that she is and Authorized Age	, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says ent for Rosetta Resources, Inc. and that she has read the foregoing therein contained are true to the best of her knowledge, information
	FABRIANNA D. VENADUCCI
Subscribed and sworn to	before this day of March, 2008.
Witness my hand and off	icial seal.
My commission expires:	
	Notary Public

EXHIBIT A INTERESTED PARTIES

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