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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)		
OF ORR ENERGY, LLC FOR AN ORDER	)		
DECREASING THE SIZE OF DRILLING	)		
AND SPACING UNITS FOR THE	)	CAUSE NO. 381	
PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS	)	ORDER NO. 381	
FROM THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA	)		
FORMATIONS UNDERLYING CERTAIN	)		
LANDS IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)		

### **VERIFIED APPLICATION**

The Applicant, Orr Energy, LLC (Orr), by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully petition the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the ACommission@) as follows:

### **BACKGROUND**

### **Existing Leasehold Interest and Wells.**

- 1. Orr owns oil and gas leases covering substantially all of the oil and gas under the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado ("Section 33" hereinafter).
- 2. On information and belief, minerals in the SW¼SW¼ are owned by Anadarko Land Corp and/or Anadarko E&P Company LP, portions of which are subject to oil and gas leases in favor of Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP.
- 3. The records of the Commission indicate that no wells have been drilled in the SW¼ of Section 33, and no spacing units have yet been declared for production from the Codell, Niobrara or J-Sandstone formations underlying the SW¼ of Section 33.
- 4. Orr has or will obtain a permit from the Commission for drilling the PRR 33-13 well, in the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 33, for commingled production from the Codell, Niobrara and J Sandstone formations.

### **Existing Commission Orders.**

5. By Orders 381-1, 381-2 and 381-5, the Commission established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for production of oil and gas from the Codell and Niobrara formations underlying Section 33.

- 6. On information and belief, the SW¼ of Section 33 has not been spaced for production from any formation other than the Codell and Niobrara.
- 7. By Order 381-3, the Commission permitted multiple completion and commingling of the Codell and Niobrara formations in Section 33, where there is no difference in ownership between formations.
- 8. By Order 381-4, the Commission granted the option to drill an additional well on each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit, in the undrilled 40-acre tract, for production from the Codell and Niobrara formations in the SW¼ of Section 33.
- 9. In the adjacent Section 32, by Order 381-8 the Commission established 40-acre units consisting of the SW¼SW¼ and NW¼SW¼ for production from the Codell, Niobrara, "J" Sand and Sussex formations.
- 10. Through its adoption of Rule 318A, the Commission has authorized, among other things, the drilling of wells in each 40-acre governmental quarter-quarter section of Section 33, to the Codell, Niobrara and J Sandstone formations, and the commingling of production from such formations.
- 11. By application of the above Rule and Orders, the Commission has necessarily found that 40-acre drilling units are not less than the maximum area than can be efficiently, economically and effectively drained by a single well producing oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara and J Sandstone formations underlying the SW¼ of Section 33.

### **SPACING REQUEST**

- 12. Colorado Revised Statute §34-60-116(4) authorizes the Commission to decrease or increase the size of drilling units in order to prevent or assist in preventing waste, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, and/or protect correlative rights.
- 13. Orr requests that the Commission confirm spacing units in the SW3 of Section 33, for the Codell and Niobrara formations, consisting of the E½ SW¼ and the W½ SW¼.
- 14. Orr further requests that the Commission enter an Order reducing the size of drilling and spacing units for the Codell, Niobrara and J Sandstone formations in the W½ SW¼ of Section 33 by establishing segregated 40-acre drilling and spacing units comprised of the NW¼ SW¼ and SW3SW3 of Section 33.
- 15. As testimony before the Commission has previously established, and Rule 318A necessarily finds, that 40-acre drilling units are not less than the maximum area than can be efficiently, economically and effectively drained by a single well producing oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara and J Sandstone formations underlying the SW¼ of Section 33.

- 16. The establishment of such units will prevent or assist in preventing waste by assuring that all potential locations may be drilled without prejudice to the rights of other leasehold or mineral owners, and ensuring that the pool as a whole may be efficiently and economically developed.
- 17. The establishment of such units will protect the correlative rights of both leasehold and mineral owners.
- 18. The names and addresses of all who may claim to be interested parties, based upon Applicants= information and belief, are set forth on the annexed **Exhibit "A."**

## REQUEST FOR HEARING AND ORDER

WHEREFORE, Orr Energy, LLC prays that this matter be set for hearing on January 13 and 14, 2009, that Notice of said Hearing be given as required by law, and that following such Hearing the Commission enter an Order:

- A. Confirming the spacing units in the SW3 of Section 33 for the Codell and Niobara formations to be the E½SW¼ and the W½SW¼; and
- B. Reducing the size of drilling and spacing units for the Codell and Niobrara formations, and establishing drilling and spacing units for the J Sand formation in the W½SW¼ of Section 33, by establishing segregated 40-acre drilling and spacing units comprised of the NW¼SW¼ and SW¼SW¼ of Section 33.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

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## Address of Applicant:

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# **VERIFICATION**

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	2.	She is a cor	nsultant	for the Appli	cant, Orr	Energy, LLC	D.		
3. She has read the within Application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, states that said facts are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.									
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#### **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **Persons Who May be Interested Parties**

W½SW¼ of Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

### NW1/4SW1/4

Persons Who May Claim an Interest:

Orr Resources, LLC 826 9th Street Greeley, CO 80631

Union Central Life Insurance Company P.O. Box 40888 Cincinnati OH, 45240-0880

Weld County, Colorado 1000 10 St Greeley CO, 80631

The Meadows at Poudre River Ranch of Greeley Sub-Association C/O Greeley Comm. MGMT P.O. Box 336276 Greeley CO, 80633

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### **Leasehold Owners**:

Orr Energy, LLC 826 9th Street Greeley, CO 80631

# SW1/4SW1/4

# Persons Who May Claim Mineral Ownership:

Andarko Land Corp.
Anadarko E&P Company LP
c/o Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
P.O. Box 9149
The Woodlands, TX 77387-9147

# Leasehold Owners:

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore, LP 1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1500 Denver, CO 80202

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was mailed via U.S. First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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