

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP FOR ) Cause No. 407  
AN ORDER POOLING ALL UNLEASED )  
AND/OR NONCONSENTING INTERESTS IN ) Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS )  
IN AN ESTABLISHED DRILLING AND )  
SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN THE )  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,  
COLORADO

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP (referred to herein as “Applicant”), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and makes application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“Commission”), for an order to pool all interests within an established drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of a well to produce from the Codell and Niobrara Formations located in Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Weld County, Colorado. In support thereof, the Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, and is duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
2. Applicant owns certain leasehold interests in the drilling and spacing unit requested for pooling: the S½SE¼ of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weld County, Colorado (“Application Lands”).
3. On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, including Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the drilling and spacing unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section, (or the Director, if the operator fails to designate). The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the drilling and spacing unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit.
4. On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, including Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
5. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formation from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. The Application Lands are subject to each of the foregoing Order and this Rule.
6. Applicant previously designated an 80-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations pursuant to the above referenced Orders. Applicant holds an approved Application for Permit to Drill for the well within the drilling and spacing unit.
7. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. §34-60-116 (6) and (7), seeks an order to involuntarily pool all interests not voluntarily pooled (including working interests and unleased mineral interests) in the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the following described 80-acre drilling and spacing unit:

Township 5 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 25: S½SE¼

(referred to herein as the “Drilling and Spacing Unit”)

8. Applicant proposes to directionally drill the Curtis 15-25 Well (hereinafter the “Drilling and Spacing Unit Well”) within the designated Drilling and Spacing Unit with a proposed surface location of 744’ FSL and 2129’ FEL of Section 25 and a proposed bottomhole location 810’ FSL and 2130’ FEL of Section 25.

9. Exhibit A attached hereto lists leasehold and royalty owners for the Drilling and Spacing Unit together with their addresses. All working interest owners (not otherwise voluntarily pooled) have been offered the opportunity to voluntarily participate in the drilling of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well. As applicable, to date, however, not all of such working interest owners have elected to participate by agreeing to bear their respective proportionate shares of the costs and risks of drilling, completing and operating the well. AFE’s containing the information respecting this well required by Commission Rule 530.b. were sent to these working interest owners more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on this application. Exhibit A also lists all unleased mineral owners, if any, within the Drilling and Spacing Unit. As applicable, all unleased mineral owners (not otherwise voluntarily pooled) have been offered the opportunity to participate in the drilling of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well. To date, however, not all of such owners have elected to participate by agreeing to bear their proportionate shares of the costs and risks of drilling, completing and operating the well. In addition and as applicable, Applicant has made offers to lease each of these unleased mineral owners (not otherwise voluntarily pooled) as required by Commission Rule 530.c. and C.R.S. §34-60-116(7)(d). To date, however, not all of such unleased mineral owners have accepted such offers. Such offers to participate in drilling or to lease were sent to these unleased mineral interest owners more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on this Application.

10. Applicant requests that the Commission’s involuntary pooling order issued with respect to this Application be made retroactive to the date of the spudding of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well.

11. Notice of this Application has been provided to those parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice thereof be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling involuntarily all of the working interest owners listed on Exhibit A with whom Applicant has been unable to secure an agreement for the drilling of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well as described in Section 7 and that such working interest owners be treated as non-consenting owners under C.R.S. §34-60-116 and made subject to the terms and penalties provided for therein.

B. Pooling involuntarily all of the unleased mineral interest owners listed on Exhibit A with whom Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or an agreement for the drilling of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well as described in Section 7 and that such owners be treated as non-consenting owners under C.R.S. §34-60-116 and made subject to the terms and penalties provided for therein.

C. That all interest owners in the Drilling and Spacing Unit which are not voluntarily pooled in the Drilling and Spacing Unit be involuntarily pooled.

D. That the effective date of the COGCC’s involuntary pooling order will be made retroactive to the date of spudding of the Drilling and Spacing Unit Well.

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

DATED this 12th day of April, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

**KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP**

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO                    )  
  ) ss.  
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)

Matthew T. Miller, Land Manager – Wattenberg Basin, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Agent and Attorney-in-Fact for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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Land Manager – Wattenberg Basin,  
Agent and Attorney-in-Fact  
Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

Subscribed and sworn to before this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2010.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**EXHIBIT A**  
**Interested Parties**

**Unleased Mineral Interest Owner**

Cindy Rodriguez, a/k/a Cindy Rodriguez  
2685 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80621

Nora Lujan  
2647 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Estate of Christina Dominguez  
1316 N. Wilson, #6  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Shirley Dominguez  
1316 N. Wilson, #6  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Estate of Maggie Lujan  
2932 West 12th Street  
Greeley, CO 80634

Rudy A. Lujan  
2932 West 12th Street  
Greeley, CO 80634

Tommy Lujan  
60 Moree Loop, #45  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Benjamin F. Lujan  
2647 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Robert and Erica Lujan, JT  
3519 Centennial Circle  
Evans, CO 80620

Gabino and Enrique Lara, JT  
324 54th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80634

Paul and Caroline Sierra, JT  
2425 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Bernardo Lujan  
4625 West 49th Street  
Greeley, CO 80634

Larry Lee Lujan  
2629 West 49th Street  
Greeley, CO 80634

**Royalty Owner**

Larry and Jan Curtis, JT  
2837 W 49 Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Weld County, CO  
915 10th Street  
Greeley, CO 80631

Jesse Huerta  
1222 7th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

D-WP of Evans, LLC  
2423 Bluebell Drive  
Evans, CO 80620

Victoria Lujan  
1757 Laurus  
Johnstown, CO 80534

Esther L. Maestas, life tenant  
P.O. Box 402  
Evans, CO 80620

Sharol A. Kutcher  
1101 Arizona Avenue  
Trinidad, CO 81082

John George Derrera  
2653 16th Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

Nancy T. Green  
792 South Bermont Ave.  
Lafayette, CO 80026

FEI-Wass Joint Venture  
1707 61st Avenue, Suite 101  
Greeley, CO 80634

Joseph and Juanita Moya, JT  
2675 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Sergio Hernandez  
2717 49 Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Paul and Caroline Sierra, JT  
2425 49th Street  
Evans, CO 80620

Mickey M. Jackson  
1316 North Wilson, Apt. 6  
Pasadena, CA 91104

Carmen Mata, life tenant  
P.O. Box 200527  
Evans, CO 80620

Estate of Christopher Frank Derrera  
4237 Grand Teton Road  
Greeley, CO 80631

Senobio Derrera  
4237 Grand Teton Road  
Greeley, CO 80631

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO )  
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Jamie L. Jost of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is the attorney for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP, that on or before April 19, 2010, she 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.

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Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 12, 2010.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public