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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)		
EOG RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER	)		
ALLOWING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL WELLS	)	Cause No. 421	
IN A 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING	)		
UNIT FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN	)	Docket No	_
SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 11 NORTH, RANGE 62	)		
WEST IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)		

#### **APPLICATION**

EOG 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 to permit three (3) additional horizontal wells (for a total of four (4) horizontal wells) in an established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Niobrara Formation and in support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant owns 100% of the leasehold interests in Weld County, Colorado, located within the area requested for infill drilling set forth below:

Township 11 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 7: All

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Infill Application Lands."

- 3. Order No. 421-1 established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the Infill Application lands and allows for the drilling and completion of one (1) horizontal well in each established 640-acre drilling and spacing unit. Order No. 421-1 further allows each proposed horizontal well to be drilled in the designated drilling and spacing unit with initial perforation of the Niobrara Formation and an ultimate bottomhole location no closer than 600' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit.
- 4. For purposes of this Application, Applicant requests that an additional three (3) infill horizontal wells be allowed for production from the Niobrara Formation covering the Infill Application Lands for a total of four (4) horizontal wells in the Infill Application Lands. Applicant further requests that the three (3) infill wells be allowed to be drilled and completed as a horizontal well. Applicant states that the infill wells shall be drilled in the designated 640-acre drilling and spacing unit with initial perforation of the Niobrara Formation and the ultimate bottomhole location no closer than 600' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit.
- 5. Applicant asserts that one (1) well will not efficiently and economically drain the applicable 640-acre drilling and spacing unit on the Infill Application Lands and that three (3) additional infill wells on the Infill Application Lands are necessary to prevent waste, protect

correlative rights and to assure the greatest recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation all in accordance with the Colorado statutes and the Commission rules.

- 6. Applicant asserts the three (3) additional infill wells can be developed in a manner consistent with protection of public health, safety and welfare.
- 7. 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.e.

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:

- A. Establishing that three (3) additional horizontal infill wells (for a total of four (4) authorized Niobrara wells) may be completed in the applicable 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.
- B. Establishing that the infill wells shall be drilled in a designated 640-acre drilling and spacing unit with initial perforation of the Niobrara Formation and the ultimate bottomhole location no closer than 600' from the outer boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit with no interwell setback required.
- C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

EOG RESOURCES, INC.

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
	Resources, Inc., upon oath deposes and says that he the statements contained therein are true to the best
	EOG RESOURCES, INC.
	Jason McLaren, Landman
Subscribed and sworn to before me Landman for EOG Resources, Inc.	this day of July, 2011, by Jason McLaren,
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:	
	Notary Public

#### **EXHIBIT A**

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this Exhibit A.

Colorado Division of Wildlife 6060 Broadway Denver, CO 80216

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South Denver, CO 80246-1530

Bruce T. Barker Weld County P.O. Box 758 Greeley, CO 80632

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Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being fire	st duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:
That she is the attorney for EOG Resource 2011, she caused a copy of the attached Applicate postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on	
	Jamie L. Jost
Subscribed and sworn to before me July _	, 2011.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:	
	Notary Public