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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION	)	CAUSE NO. 535
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO	)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN AN UNNAMED	)	DOCKET NO. To be assigned
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

#### APPLICATION

EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Burleson LLP, respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to pool all nonconsenting interests in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 9, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. In support of the Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado, and has registered as an operator with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 9: All

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

- 3. On February 22, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-3, which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approved one (1) horizontal well within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 4. Applicant has drilled a horizontal well, namely, the Gravel Draw #9-09H Well (API No. 05-123-33090) (the "Well"), upon the Application Lands, and completed the Well in the Niobrara Formation.
- 5. Acting pursuant to the relevant provisions of §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and Rule 530., Applicant seeks an order pooling all nonconsenting interests in the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. Applicant requests that pooling order entered as a result of this Application be made effective as of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Well, whichever is earlier.
- 7. Applicant hereby certifies that, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Commission hearing on this matter, each interest owner, not already leased or voluntarily pooled, was tendered a reasonable offer to lease or participate and bear costs associated with the drilling and completion of the Well as required by Rule 530., and either refused or failed to consent. The list of those situated interest owners is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

{00142226.1}

- 8. The granting of this application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §34-60-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 9. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A 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. Pooling all nonconsenting interests in the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- B. Providing that pooling order is made effective as of the date of this application, or the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b)(II), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Well, whichever is earlier.
- C. Providing that the interests of any owners, with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the authorized well, are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.
- D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

Dated this	da	y of (	October,	2011.

Respectfully submitted,

EOG RESOURCES, INC.

By	<i>!</i> :
Ī	Robert A. Willis (Colorado Bar No. 26308)
	Katharine E. Fisher (Colorado Bar No. 39230)
	Burleson LLP
	Wells Fargo Center
	1700 Lincoln Street, Suite 3950
	Denver, CO 80290
	(303) 801-3200

Applicant's Address: 600 17th Street, Suite 1100 Denver, CO 80202

## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
	G 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 October, 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.

EOG Resources, Inc. 600 17<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 1000N Denver, CO 80202

Oakley G. Pierce, Jr. Route 1, Box 179 Hays, KS 67601

Robert A. Willis Burleson LLP 1700 Lincoln St., Suite 3950 Denver, CO 80290

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION OF STABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES GOVERN OPERATIONS IN AN UNNAME FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	TO )	USE NO. 535 CKET NO. To be assigned				
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING						
STATE OF COLORADO ) (STATE OF						
Emily M. Nelson, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares that 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 on October 13, 2011.						
	Emily M. Nelson					
Subscribed and sworn to before me on	he day of Octobe	er, 2011.				
Witness my hand and official seal.						
My commission expires:						
	Notary Public					