

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)
AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN)
THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS)
IN A DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING)
UNIT LOCATED IN THE WATTENBERG)
FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)

Cause No. _____

Docket No. _____

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 a 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of a well to produce oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 65 West, 6th 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; is duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado; and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Applicant owns certain interests in the following lands:

Township 2 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 1: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

3. 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 the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), 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 the Application Lands, 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 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. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. The lands encompassing the wellbore spacing unit are subject to this Rule for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.

5. Applicant designated a 160-acre wellbore spacing unit, as described below, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations pursuant to Rule 318A and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.e. Applicant did not receive any objections to the establishment of the proposed 160-acre wellbore spacing unit within the 20-day response period. Applicant hereby certifies to the Commission that it has not received any objections to the well location, proposed spacing unit or proposed formations. Applicant holds an approved Application for Permit to Drill for the Dechant 32-1 Well within the designated 160-acre wellbore 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 statutorily pool all interests not voluntarily pooled (including working interests and unleased mineral interests) in the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying the following described 160-acre wellbore spacing unit:

Township 2 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.

Section 1: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 2: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

(referred to herein as the "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

8. Applicant proposes to directionally drill the Dechant 32-1 Well (hereinafter also known as the "Wellbore Spacing Unit Well") within the designated 160-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit with a surface location in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 65 West, and a bottomhole location 2450' FSL, 65' FWL in Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 65 West. A Well Location Certificate for the Wellbore Spacing Unit Well is attached hereto.

9. Exhibit A attached hereto lists working interest owners, unleased mineral interest owners (if any), and/or royalty interest owners for the Wellbore 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 Wellbore 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. An Authority for Expenditure ("AFE") containing the information respecting this well required by Commission Rule 530.b. was sent to each of 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 Wellbore Spacing Unit. As applicable, all unleased mineral owners (not otherwise voluntarily pooled) have been offered the opportunity to participate in the drilling of the Wellbore 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 statutory pooling order, and all costs associated with the Well and this statutory pooling, issued with respect to this Application be retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the Well as allowed by C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), or the date of this Application, whichever is earlier.

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

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, including any future wells drilled to said formation.

B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Dechant 32-1 Well.

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 this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in December 2011, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's request as set forth above.

DATED this ___ day of October, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

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VERIFICATION

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

Jason Rayburn, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Landman 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 his knowledge, information and belief.

Name:_____

Subscribed and sworn to before this ____ day of October, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A
Interested Parties

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Royalty Interest Owners

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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Elizabeth Y. Gallaway 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 October____, 2011, 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.

Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Subscribed and sworn to before me October ____ 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____.

Notary Public