

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CARRIZO OIL & GAS, INC. FOR AN ORDER)
ESTABLISHING DRILLING AND SPACING)
UNITS FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION OF)
CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN WELD)
COUNTY, COLORADO.)

CAUSE NO. _____

DOCKET NO. _____

APPLICATION

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, submits this Application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") for an order establishing six (6) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for development of and production from the Niobrara Formation in the following lands:

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Section 25: All

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 20, 34: All

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M.
Section 1: All

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 11, 20: All

Weld County, Colorado (hereafter "Application Lands").

Applicant further requests that it be allowed to drill up to two (2) horizontal wells in each such drilling and spacing unit, with the second well in each unit at its option. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a company duly authorized to conduct business in Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant owns a substantial leasehold interest in the Application Lands which are shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.
3. The Application Lands are unspaced with respect to the Niobrara Formation, which is a common source of supply underlying said lands. Since there are no Commission orders specifically applicable to the development of the Niobrara Formation on the application lands, wells drilled on said lands are subject to Rule 318 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission – Location of Wells. Under said rule, for wells greater than 2,500 feet in depth, such wells shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet

from any other well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.

4. Applicant requests the right to drill up to two horizontal wells in the Niobrara Formation in each drilling and spacing unit to be established pursuant to this Application, with the treated interval of the wellbore(s) to be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit (regardless of lease lines within the unit). With respect to the second (optional) horizontal well, the treated interval of its wellbore shall be no closer than 1,200 feet to the first horizontal well. Such well locations are, in all respects, consistent with the provisions of Rule 318.

5. In order to promote efficient drainage and orderly development of the Niobrara Formation underlying the application lands, to prevent waste, and to protect correlative rights, the Commission should establish six (6) approximate 640 acre drilling and spacing units as requested herein and allow up to two (2) horizontal wells in each of said units, with the second well at the option of Applicant. Drilling and spacing units of the specified size and configuration are not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed well(s).

6. The undersigned states that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, and that the Commission will be supplied with a list of such interested parties along with a certificate of service, per Rule 503.e.

7. Applicant agrees to be bound by the oral order of the Commission.

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

Dated this 9th day of June, 2011.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF _____) SS.

Jason Causey, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Landman for Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. 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.

Jason Causey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of June, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:_____

Notary Public