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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. FOR AN) ORDER POOLING ALL NON-CONSENTING) INTERESTS IN THE CODELL, NIOBRARA) AND J-SAND FORMATIONS IN A 160-ACRE) WELLBORE SPACING UNIT IN WELD) COUNTY, COLORADO.)

Cause No.	

Docket No.

APPLICATION

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COMES NOW EnCana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. (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 working, unleased, and/or non-consenting interests within a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for production from the Codell, Niobrara and J-Sand Formations with the subject well being located in Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado. In support thereof, the Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation 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 leasehold interests in the following lands (hereinafter referred to as "Application Lands"):

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. Section 25: NE¼NE¼

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

3. On October 19, 1981, the Commission issued Order No. 232-23, which among other things, amended order 232-20 to establish additional 320-acre drilling and spacing units and allow a second well to be drilled for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the J-Sand Formation, for certain lands, including Application Lands.

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 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.

5. On April 4, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 407-392, which among other things, established an approximate 160-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara, and J-Sand Formations underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands.

6. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, established drilling windows and 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 the foregoing Orders and Rule 318A. Pursuant to Rule 318A.j., Rule 318A supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of GWA wells.

7. Applicant designated a 160-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as described below, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the J-Sand, Codell, and Niobrara, Formations pursuant to Rule 318A.e. and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.e.(6). Applicant did not receive any objections to the establishment of the proposed Wellbore Spacing Unit within the 20-day response period, and, as such, certifies to the Commission that it did not receive any objections to the well location, proposed spacing unit, or proposed formations.

8. 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) in the Codell, Niobrara and J-Sand Formations underlying the following designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit:

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M. Section 25: E½NE¼

Township 5 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. Section 30: W½NW¼

Weld County, Colorado (hereinafter "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

9. Applicant proposes to directionally drill the Kuner 8-2-25 ("Well") within the designated Wellbore Spacing Unit. The surface location of the Well shall be in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 64 West. The bottomhole location is located 1,300' FNL and 50' FEL of Section 25, Township 5 North, Range 64 West. A Well Location Certificate for the Well is attached hereto.

10. Applicant holds an approved Application for Permit to Drill for the Well.

11. <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto lists working interest owners for the 160-acre 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 Well. 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 working interest owner more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on this application.

12. Applicant requests that the Commission's involuntary pooling order, and all costs associated with the Well and this involuntary 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.

13. Notice of this Application has been provided to those parties listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> 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 <u>Exhibit A</u> with whom Applicant has been unable to secure an agreement for the drilling of the Kuner 8-2-25 Well as described in Paragraph 9 and ordering 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. Finding that all interest owners in the 160-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit on the Application Lands which are not voluntarily pooled be involuntarily pooled.

C. Establishing that that the Commission's involuntary pooling order, and all costs associated with the Kuner 8-2-25 Well and this involuntary pooling, issued with respect to this Application shall 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.

D. Providing for such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this day of June, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

By:_

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VERIFICATION

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

Ricardo D. Gallegos, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Encana Oil & Gas (USA) 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.

Title:

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A Interested Parties

Note: Non-consenting is denoted by "NC".

Working Interest Owners (Codell Niobrara)

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, Colorado 80202

Noble Energy Inc. 1625 Broadway, Suite 2200 Denver, CO 80202

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Tower Energy Corp. (NC) 1050 17th Street, Ste. 2400 Denver, Colorado 80265

Landowner Royalty Interest

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Petroleum Exploration Management, LLC 20203 Highway 60 Platteville, Colorado 80651

N & R Investments Address unknown.

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Harold E. Rice 2021 7th Avenue Greeley, Colorado 80631 James Rice, Trustee of the Family Trust u/w/o 1878 24th Street Greeley, Colorado 80631

William E. Rice Address unknown.

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Kathleen L. Berryman P.O. Box 525 Kersey, Colorado 80644

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Ramon V. Klein, Trustee of Ramon V. Klein Revocable Trust 1913 Westbrook Circle Hutchinson, Kansas 67502

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Cannon Resources, Inc. Address unknown.

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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 Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc., that on or before June _____, 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 <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Application.

Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on _____, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: ______.

Notary Public