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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ANTERO RESOURCES PICEANCE CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE 625 ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE WILLIAMS FORK FORMATION AND ILES FORMATION OF THE MESAVERDE GROUP FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE MAMM CREEK FIELD AREA, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Applicant"), a Delaware corporation, by its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an order establishing an approximate 625 acre drilling and spacing unit and establishing spacing rules and well location rules applicable to the drilling and producing of wells from the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group for certain described lands in the Mamm Creek Field area, Garfield County, Colorado and in support of its application states and alleges as follows:

- 1. That Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. That Applicant owns leasehold interests in a substantial portion of the following described lands:

Township 5 South, Range 91 West Section 33: SE/4, E/2SW/4, E/2W/2SW/4

Township 6 South, Range 91 West Section 6: NW/4

Township 6 South, Range 92 West Section 1: NE/4

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

- 3. That the Application Lands are unspaced and subject to the Commission's Rule 318.a. which requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply.
- 4. That multiple wells have been drilled, tested and competed in the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group upon lands in proximity to the Application Lands.

- 5. That as to the Application Lands, the Commission should establish an approximate 625 acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation of the Mesaverde Group.
- 6. That as to such described drilling and spacing unit constituting the Application Lands, the Commission should permit Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be optionally drilled upon a ten (10) acre density basis with each such well to be located downhole anywhere upon a given spacing unit provided no such wells shall be located downhole any closer than 100 feet from the boundary of the unit unless such boundary abuts or corners lands in respect of which the Commission has not at the time of the drilling permit application granted the right to drill ten (10) acre density Williams Fork wells in which event Williams Fork Formation and Iles Formation wells to be drilled upon the given drilling and spacing unit shall be drilled downhole no closer than 200 feet from that portion of the unit boundary which so abuts or corners the lands in respect of which ten (10) acre density downhole drilling for Williams Fork Formation wells has not been ordered by the Commission.
- 7. That, except as previously authorized by order of the Commission, wells drilled or to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from the surface either vertically or directionally from no more than one pad located on a given quarter quarter section (or lots or parcels approximately equivalent thereto) unless exception is granted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission pursuant to application made for such exception.
- 8. That the drilling of wells to the Iles Formation shall be undertaken only in conjunction with the drilling of wells to the Williams Fork Formation.
- 9. The granting of this application will not promote waste; will not violate correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.
- 10. 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.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in October, 2010, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

Dated:	October, 2010.		
		By:	
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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )			
) ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)			
Brian F. Wade, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is the Landman for Antero Resources Piceance Corporation 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.			
Brian F. Wade			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of October, 2010			
Witness my hand and official seal.			
My commission expires:			
Notary Public			
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

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)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )				
William A. Keefe of lawful age, and bein declares:	g first duly sworn upon his oath, states and			
That he is the attorney for Antero Resou August, 2010, he caused a copy of the atta States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the part				
Will	iam A. Keefe			
Subscribed and sworn to before me August, 2010.				
Witness my hand and official seal.				
My commission expires:	<b>→</b>			
Not	ary Public			