

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION)
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE MAMM CREEK)
FIELD AREA, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO)
_____)

CAUSE NO. _____

DOCKET NO. _____

APPLICATION

Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, submits this Application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") for an order establishing one (1) horizontal wellbore spacing unit, consisting of approximately 400 acres for development of and production from the Mancos Group of formations, including, but not limited to, the Niobrara Formation, in the following lands:

Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M.

Section 10: SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 15: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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

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 majority leasehold interest in the Application Lands which are shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.
3. On January 13, 2009, the Commission issued Order No. 191-60, which among other things, established various drilling and spacing units for certain lands in Sections 8, 17 and 18, Township 6 South, Range 92 West, 6th P.M., and approved the equivalent of one (1) well per ten (10) acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet to the boundary of the drilling and spacing unit and no closer than 400 feet from the boundary where 10-acre density has not been allowed, without exception being granted by the Commission, for production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Mancos Group of formations.
4. Applicant requests the right to drill one (1) horizontal well in the Mancos Group of formations, including, but not limited to the Niobrara Formation with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the proposed unit boundaries (regardless of lease lines within the unit). This well location is, in all respects, consistent with the provisions of Rule 318. See Exhibit A.
5. In order to promote efficient drainage of the Mancos Group of formations underlying the Application Lands, to prevent waste, and to protect correlative rights, the Commission should establish an approximate 520 acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit as requested herein and allow one (1) well in said unit. A drilling and spacing unit of the specified size and configuration is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed

well. In addition, establishing the requested drilling and spacing unit will allow drilling to be conducted from an existing well pad, thereby reducing incremental surface disturbance.

6. That according to the information and belief of the Applicant, the names and addresses of the interested parties hereto are set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto; and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within seven (7) days of the filing hereof, as required by Rule 503.e.

7. That a draft hearing notice will be submitted by Applicant within seven (7) days of the filing hereof.

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

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in June 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 ____ day of April, 2011.

BEATTY & WOZNIAK, P.C.

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VERIFICATION

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STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF DENVER)

Max Green, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Attorney-in-Fact 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.

Max Green

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:_____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

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Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

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Attn: Mr. C. W. Josey, Jr.
PO Box 177
Marfa, TX 79843

Garfield County Board of County
Commissioners
108 8th Street, Suite 213
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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Albuquerque, NM 87112

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STATE OF COLORADO)
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Kenneth A Wonstolen, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Antero Resources Piceance Corporation and that on or before April ___, 2011, he caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit B to the Application.

Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Subscribed and sworn to before me April ___, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____.

Notary Public