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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)
NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER	j
ESTABLISHING DRILLING AND SPACING	) Cause No
UNITS AND ESTABLISHING WELL	)
LOCATION RULES FOR THE NIOBRARA	) Docket No
FORMATION OF CERTAIN DESCRIBED	)
LANDS LOCATED IN TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH,	)
RANGE 62 WEST AND TOWNSHIP 8	)
NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., WELD	)
COUNTY, COLORADO	)

#### **APPLICATION**

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order establishing fifty (50) approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units and establishing existing well location rules applicable to the drilling and producing of wells for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation covering certain described lands in Weld County, Colorado and in support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.
- 2. Applicant holds certain leasehold interests in the lands described on <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereafter the "Application Lands"). A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.
- 3. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a. which provides that a well to be drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing. There are no other specific Commission Orders applicable to the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.
- 4. The Niobrara Formation in this area is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 6,715' and 7,017' as found in the Shable USX AB 11-03 Well located in the NENW of Section 11, Township 7 North, Range 64 West. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply underlying the Application Lands.
- 5. To promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights and to avoid waste, the Commission should establish drilling

and spacing units of approximately 640 acres as more particularly described in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

- 6. That Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara Formation upon lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.
- 7. That the above-proposed drilling and spacing units will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoirs. Drilling and spacing units of the size and shape specified above are not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed well in each such drilling and spacing unit.
- 8. That the Applicant is requesting to drill and complete two (2) horizontal wells in each of the established 640-acre drilling and spacing units comprised of the Application Lands. The Applicant states that each proposed horizontal well shall be located on the surface anywhere within the designated drilling and spacing unit with treated interval of any horizontal well to be no closer than 600' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit. The Applicant further maintains that the proposed horizontal wells will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.
- 9. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by Rule 503.e.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** 

By:\_\_\_\_\_\_
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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )
) ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)
P. David Padgett, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Noble Energy, 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.
P. David Padgett
Subscribed and sworn to before this day of April, 2011.
Witness my hand and official seal.
[SEAL]
My commission expires:
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

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### EXHIBIT B

#### LIST OF DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS

TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST, 6TH P.M. 1-5, 8-12, 14-22, 28-30, 32

TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST, 6TH P.M. 2, 5, 8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-23, 25-25

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STATE OF COLORADO ) )ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )					
Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being fir	st duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:				
That she is the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc. and that on or before April, 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 <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto.					
	Jamie L. Jost				
Subscribed and sworn to before me April	, 2011.				
Witness my hand and official seal.					
My commission expires:					
•	Notary Public				