

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 ) Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ORDER POOLING ALL WORKING, )  
UNLEASED AND/OR NONCONSENTING ) Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_  
INTERESTS IN THE CODELL, NIOBRARA )  
AND J-SAND FORMATIONS IN A 160-ACRE )  
WELLBORE SPACING UNIT IN WELD )  
COUNTY, COLORADO )

APPLICATION

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 an 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara and J-Sand Formations with the subject well being located in Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 32: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Weld County, Colorado.

3. On October 19, 1981, the Commission issued Order No. 232-23 which, among other things, established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the J-Sand for the Application Lands and allowed up to two (2) wells to be drilled within each 320-acre drilling and spacing unit.

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 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.

6. Pursuant to Rules 318 A.e and 318A.a , Applicant has designated a wellbore spacing unit within the Application Lands for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell, Niobrara, and J-Sand Formations. Further, pursuant to Rule 318A.e.(6), Applicant has notified the appropriate parties of such designation and has not received any objections to this designation within the 20-day response period allowed for objection under the rule. Applicant hereby certifies such designation to the Director and states that no timely objections were received.

7. 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 3 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 31: E½NE¼  
Section 32: W½NW¼

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

8. Applicant directionally drilled the Geist 0-2-32 Well within the designated Wellbore Spacing Unit. A well location certificate showing the location of the Geist 0-2-32 Well is attached. The surface location of the Geist 0-2-32 Well is in the NW¼NW¼ of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 67 West. The bottomhole location is located 1350' FNL and 50' FWL of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 67 West. The Geist 0-2-32 Well was spud on May 4, 2010.

9. Applicant holds an approved Application for Permit to Drill for the Geist 0-2-32 Well.

10. Exhibit A attached hereto lists working interest owners and unleased mineral interest owners for the 160-acre drilling and 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 Geist 0-2-32 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. AFEs containing the information respecting this well, required by Commission Rule 530.b., were sent to these working interest owners more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on this application.

11. Applicant requests that the Commission's involuntary pooling order, and all costs associated with the Geist 0-2-32 Well and this involuntary pooling, issued with respect to this

Application be retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the Geist 0-2-32 Well as allowed by C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), or the date of this Application, whichever is earlier.

12. Notice of this Application has been provided to those parties listed on Exhibit A 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 Exhibit A with whom Applicant has been unable to secure an agreement for the drilling of the Geist 0-2-32 Well 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 drilling and 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 Geist 0-2-32 Well and this involuntary pooling, issued with respect to this Application be retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the Geist 0-2-32 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 March, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.

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## VERIFICATION

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

Jack A. Croom, Jr., of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Landman for EnCana Oil and 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.

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Jack A. Croom, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notary Public

EXHIBIT A  
Interested Parties

**Working Interest Owners (CN)**

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

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP  
1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Noble Energy, Inc.  
1625 Broadway, Ste. 2000  
Denver, Colorado 80202

Robert S. Pirtle  
PO Box 1310  
Tyler, Texas 75710

Martin J. Harrington, Jr.  
2236 S. Jackson Street  
Denver, Colorado 80210

EOG Company (Non-consenting)  
PO Box 688  
Niwot, Colorado 80544

**Working Interest Owners (J)**

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True Oil, LLC (Non-Consenting)  
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PO Drawer 2360  
Casper, WY 82602

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**Royalty Owners (CNJ)**

Nelson Minerals, LLC  
11955 Weld County Road 15  
Longmont, Colorado 80504

Acord St. Vrain Valley Ranch, LLC  
7541 Weld County Road 26 ¾  
Longmont, Colorado 80504

Geist Mineral Trust  
PO Box 7461  
Loveland, Colorado 80537

Estate of Lorraine L. Pivonka  
12706 Shiloh Road  
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Juanita M. Geist, sole Trustee of the Peter Geist Family  
Trust  
2895 N. Empire Ave #504  
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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 March \_\_, 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 Exhibit A to the Application.

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Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on March \_\_, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public