## 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 WORKING, ) UNLEASED AND/OR NONCONSENTING ) INTERESTS IN THE CODELL, NIOBRARA ) AND J-SAND FORMATIONS IN A 160-ACRE ) WELLBORE SPACING UNIT IN BOULDER ) COUNTY, COLORADO )

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## 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 35, Township 2 North, Range 69 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Boulder 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 2 North, Range 69 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 35: NE¼NE¼

Boulder County, Colorado.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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 certifies that no timely objections were received.

6. 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 2 North, Range 69 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 25: SW¼SW¼ Section 26: SE¼SE¼ Section 35: NE¼NE¼ Section 36: NW¼NW¼

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

7. Applicant directionally drilled the Deason 8-0-35 Well within the designated Wellbore Spacing Unit. A well location certificate showing the location of the Deason 8-0-35 Well is attached. The surface location of the Deason 8-0-35 Well is in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 69 West. The bottomhole location is located 50' FNL and 50' FEL of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 69 West. The Deason 8-0-35 Well was spud on September 7, 2010.

8. Applicant holds an approved Application for Permit to Drill for the Deason 8-0-35 Well.

9. <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto lists working interest owners and royalty owners for the 160acre 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 Deason 8-0-35 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.

10. Applicant requests that the Commission's involuntary pooling order, and all costs associated with the Deason 8-0-35 Well and this involuntary pooling, issued with respect to this

Application be retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the Deason 8-0-35 Well as allowed by C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), or the date of this Application, whichever is earlier.

11. 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 Deason 8-0-35 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 all of the terms, costs, 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 Deason 8-0-35 Well and this involuntary pooling, issued with respect to this Application be retroactive to the earliest date costs are incurred for the Deason 8-0-35 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.

By:\_

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<u>Applicant's Address</u>: 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, Colorado 80202

# **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.

Jack A. Croom, Jr.

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

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

Notary Public

## EXHIBIT A Interested Parties

#### Working Interest Owners:

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

Noble Energy Production Inc. (Consenting) 1625 Broadway Ste. 2000 Denver, Co 80202

Martin J. Harrington, Jr. (Consenting) 2236 S. Jackson Street Denver, Co 80210

Hopper Oil Company (Elected non-consenting) PO Box 668 Niwot, Colorado 80544

Edward A. Holloway (Non-consenting) 5203 W B Street Greeley, Co 80634

Jack L. Schreiber (Consenting) 2155 Glenfair Dr. Greeley, Co 80631

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

Marks Oil, Inc. (Consenting) 1775 Sherman Street, Ste. 2990 Denver, Colorado 80203

Willischild Oil & Gas Corp (Consenting) 621 E Street Snyder, OK 73566

Axis Energy Corp (Consenting) PO Box 2107 Roswell, NM 88202-2107

Resource Acquisition Management Company (Non-Consenting) PO Box 8958 Denver, Co 80201 Robert S. Pirtle (Elected Non-consenting) PO Box 1310 Tyler, Tx 75710

#### **Royalty Interest Owners:**

Wilburn & Margaret Caldwell Trust 1715 Ironhorse Dr. Ste 128 Longmont, Co 80501

Donald A. Caldwell 1700 Kylie Dr. Ste. 250 Longmont, Co 80501

William E. and Nelle F. Deason Address unavailable.

Geist Mineral Trust PO Box 7461 Loveland, Co 80537

Boulder County, Colorado PO Box 471 Boulder County, Co 80306

Holly M. Steiner 11820 Niwot Road Longmont, Co 80501

Norman F. Steiner 11820 Niwot Road Longmont, Co 80501

Rebecca & Paul Jurasin, JT's 11856 Niwot Road Longmont, Co 80504

Mark A. Doolittle, Jr. 11890 Niwot Road Longmont, Co 80504

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# AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO

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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.

Jamie L. Jost

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

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

Notary Public