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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION TO VACATE A POOLING ORDER FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN AN ESTABLISHED DRILLING UNIT; UNNAMED FIELD, MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO

#### APPLICATION

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Carrizo"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, enters its Application for an order vacating Order 535-22, which order pooled all interests for development of the Niobrara Formation, in:

Township 5 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. Section 8: All Morgan County, Colorado

("Application Lands")

The Commission entered Order 535-22, effective May 23, 2011, pooling the Application Lands, upon the application of Carrizo, an owner of substantial leasehold interests therein. Carrizo is therefore a proper party to make this application to vacate said order.

In support of its application, Carrizo states:

- 1. Carrizo's application to pool the Application Lands was unprotested at the time that it was filed, heard and approved by the Commission. Subsequently, Upstream Innovations, Inc. ("Upstream") filed an application seeking to pool its interest into the unit without being subject to the cost recovery penalty applicable to such interest under Order 535-22. Carrizo has filed a separate Protest and Motion to Dismiss Upstream's application.
- 2. Carrizo filed its pooling application in anticipation of drilling the Wickstrom 8-41 horizontal well. Due to recent geologic interpretation, the drilling of the well has been indefinitely postponed.
- 3. In light of these changed circumstances, Carrizo seeks to vacate Order 535-22. It will be appropriate for Carrizo to re-file its pooling application as a new matter when the Wickstrom 8-41 well is back on its drilling schedule. This will allow those parties who may acquire an interest in the Application Lands during the interim to be offered the opportunity to lease or participate in the drilling of the well, pursuant to an AFE that provides updated well cost information.

4. Carrizo states that, in accordance with Rule 503.e, it will, no later than seven (7) days from the filing hereof, serve a copy of this application on all parties owning an interest in the pooled tracts comprising the Application Lands, and provide the Commission with the list of such interested parties in electronic form.

WHEREFORE, Carrizo requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice thereof be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing the Commission enter its order granting the relief requested herein, and for such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

Respectfully submitted:		
By:		

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### Applicant's Address:

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## **VERIFICATION**

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first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says I & Gas, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing contained are true to the best of his knowledge,
Craig Wiest
ne this day of November, 2011.
Notary Public
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#### **EXHIBIT A**

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Esenjay Oil & Gas, Ltd 500 N. Water St., Suite 1100 Corpus Christi, TX 78741

Freeport Securities Company P.O. Box 56 Freeport, IL 61032

Upstream Innovations, Inc. P.O. Box 4218 Parker, CO 80134

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ORDER CAUSE NO. 535 VACATING A POOLING ORDER FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN AN ESTABLISHED DRILLING UNIT; DOCKET NO.
UNNAMED FIELD, MORGAN COUNTY, COLORADO
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING
STATE OF COLORADO )
)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )
Kenneth A. Wonstolen, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:
That he is the attorney for Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc., and that on or before November, 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 A to the Application.
Kenneth A. Wonstolen
Subscribed and sworn to before me November, 2011.
Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires:
Notary Public