

**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 POOLING ALL
INTERESTS IN THE CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION
IN AN 160-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT IN
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., and makes application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order pooling all interests within a designated 160-acre wellbore spacing unit for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 4 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 11: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

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, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Applicant owns leasehold interests in a substantial portion of the Application Lands.
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-Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
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 Rule 318A.b.(4)e., Applicant designated a 160 acre wellbore spacing unit co-extensive with the Application Lands for the proposed Panther C11-27D well (the "Wellbore Spacing Unit"). A well location certificate showing the location of the Panther C11-27D well is attached hereto.

6. Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) & (7) and Commission Rule 530, seeks an order pooling all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation, including any nonconsenting interests therein.

7. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Panther C11-27D well.

8. Applicant certifies that copies of this Application will be served on all persons owning an interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled within seven (7) days of the date hereof, as required by Rule 507.b(2), and that at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing on this matter, each such interest owner not otherwise leased or voluntarily pooled will be offered the opportunity to lease, or to participate in the drilling of the well, and will be provided with the information required by Rule 530. The list of such interested parties is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation, including any nonconsenting interests therein.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order:

A. Pooling all interests in the Wellbore Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation, including any future wells drilled to said formation.

B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the Panther C11-27D well.

C. Providing that the interests of any owners with whom the Applicant has been unable to secure a lease or other agreement to participate in the drilling of the Panther C11-27D well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.

D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing in January, 2012, that notice be given as required by law, and that upon such hearing, the Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's request as set forth above.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

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VERIFICATION

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

Julie Jenkins, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that she is Senior Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc. and that she has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

Julie Jenkins

Subscribed and sworn to before this ____ day of November, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A

Frank W. Rothe Family Trust
dated July 15, 2009
c/o Jeanette May Sears, Trustee,
1930 23rd Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Mary Rothe
39301 WCR 49
Eaton, CO 80615

Shirley Updike Riley Crawford
1930 Endicott Road
San Marino, CA 91108

Gay V. Riley,
Trustee of the Gay V. Riley Trust
under Amended Declaration of Trust dated April 19, 2000
4216 Colibri Court
Moorpark, CA 93021

Grace P. White
1251 Wellesley Avenue, #102
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Millage Brothers, Inc.
22744 CR 59
Kersey, CO 80644

Amy Rittenhouse
22939 WCR 59
Kersey, CO 80644

Kyle W. Mitchell and Kacy L. Mitchell,
Joint Tenants
28942 WCR 48
Kersey, CO 80644

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

STATE OF COLORADO)	
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Matthew J. Lepore, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., and that on or before November 30, 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.

Matthew J. Lepore

Subscribed and sworn to before me November ____, 2011.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: _____.

Notary Public