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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UNIOIL CAUSE NO. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE CODELL AND NIOBRARA FORMATIONS IN DESIGNATED DRILLING AND SPACING UNITS IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

DOCKET NO.

<u>APPLICATION</u>

COMES NOW Petroleum Development Corporation ("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 for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations on the following described drilling and spacing unit:

Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.

1. Section 17: E/2NW/4 & W/2NE/4 (LAJCO 17ND)

Weld County, Colorado

(hereinafter "Application Lands")

In support of its application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of 1. 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.
- 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 production of oil and/or gas form the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. Section 17, Township 4 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M. is subject to this order.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, 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 Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled and wellbore spacing units to be established. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule, specifically Rule 318A.a.(4)C. and 318A.e.(1), for the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- Applicant drilled the LAJCO 17ND Well (spud date February 6, 2011) within its designated wellbore spacing unit with a surface location 1,366 feet FNL and 1,172 feet FEL and a bottom hole location 1,328 feet FNL and 2,420 feet FEL of its wellbore spacing unit. A map of this well is attached as Exhibit A.

- 6. Authorization for Expenditure ("AFE") and the option to participate in the drilling of the LAJCO 17ND well, containing the information required by COGCC Rule 530.a, was sent to MRPC II, LLC regarding this well more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the hearing on this Application. MRPC II, LLC did not respond.
- 7. 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 Application Lands for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, including any nonconsenting interests therein.
- 8. Applicant requests that the Commission's pooling order be made effective as of the spud date the LAJCO 17ND Well (February 6, 2011) included in this Application.
- 9. 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, and that MRPC II, LLC was offered the option to participate in the drilling of the well. <u>Exhibit B.</u>
- 10. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Application Lands should be pooled for the orderly development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations, 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 Application Lands for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- B. Providing that the Commission's pooling order is made effective as of the spud date of the LAJCO 17ND well (February 6, 2011).
- 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 authorized 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:	November	, 2011
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By:_____ Kenneth A. Wonstolen

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO	
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER) SS.)
ne is the Landman for Petroleum Deve	, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that lopment Corporation d/b/a PDC Energy and that he has the matters therein contained are true to the best of his
	John Krattenmaker
Subscribed and sworn to before m	ne this day of October, 2011.
Witness my hand and official seal.	•
My commission expires:	
	Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

MRPC II, LLC Attn: Andy Peterson 2154 W. Eisenhower Blvd. Loveland, CO 80537

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)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)	
William E. Sparks, of lawful age, and being firs declares:	t duly sworn upon his oath, states and
That he is the attorney for Petroleum Developmen on or before November, 2011 he caused a copy of the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to Application.	e attached Application to be deposited in
William E.	Sparks
Subscribed and sworn to before me November	., 2011.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:	
Notary Pu	blic