

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF WHITING OIL AND GAS)	
CORPORATION FOR AN ORDER)	Cause No. 535
ALLOWING ADDITIONAL WELLS TO BE)	
DRILLED TO THE NIOBRARA FORMATION)	Docket No. _____
IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH,)	
RANGE 59 WEST, WELD COUNTY,)	
COLORADO.)	

APPLICATION

Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Welborn Sullivan Meck & Tooley, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") to amend an existing spacing order to allow the drilling of up to three additional horizontal wells in one existing 640-acre drilling and spacing unit and establishing well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil and gas from the Niobrara Formation covering certain lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant owns leasehold interests in the following lands ("Application Lands"):

Township 9 North, Range 59 West
Section 2: ALL

A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.

2. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Order 535-75 establishing approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of Sections 2, 4, 5 and 6 in Township 9 North, Range 59 West and allowing up to four horizontal wells within each unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located anywhere within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, without exception being granted by the Director. There are no other specific Commission Orders applicable to the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.

3. The Niobrara Formation in the area of the Application Lands is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the interval between 5,777' (top of the Niobrara) and 6,101' (base of the Niobrara) as found in the Walker #3 Well located in Township 10 North, Range 58 West, Section 31, Weld County, Colorado. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply under the Application Lands.

4. Applicant has determined through drilling operations and other geological and engineering analyses that to promote efficient drainage within the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, and to avoid waste, the Commission should allow up to three additional wells within the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located anywhere within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and no closer than 460 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore producing from the Niobrara formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

5. Applicant has drilled, tested and completed wells in the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands and on lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

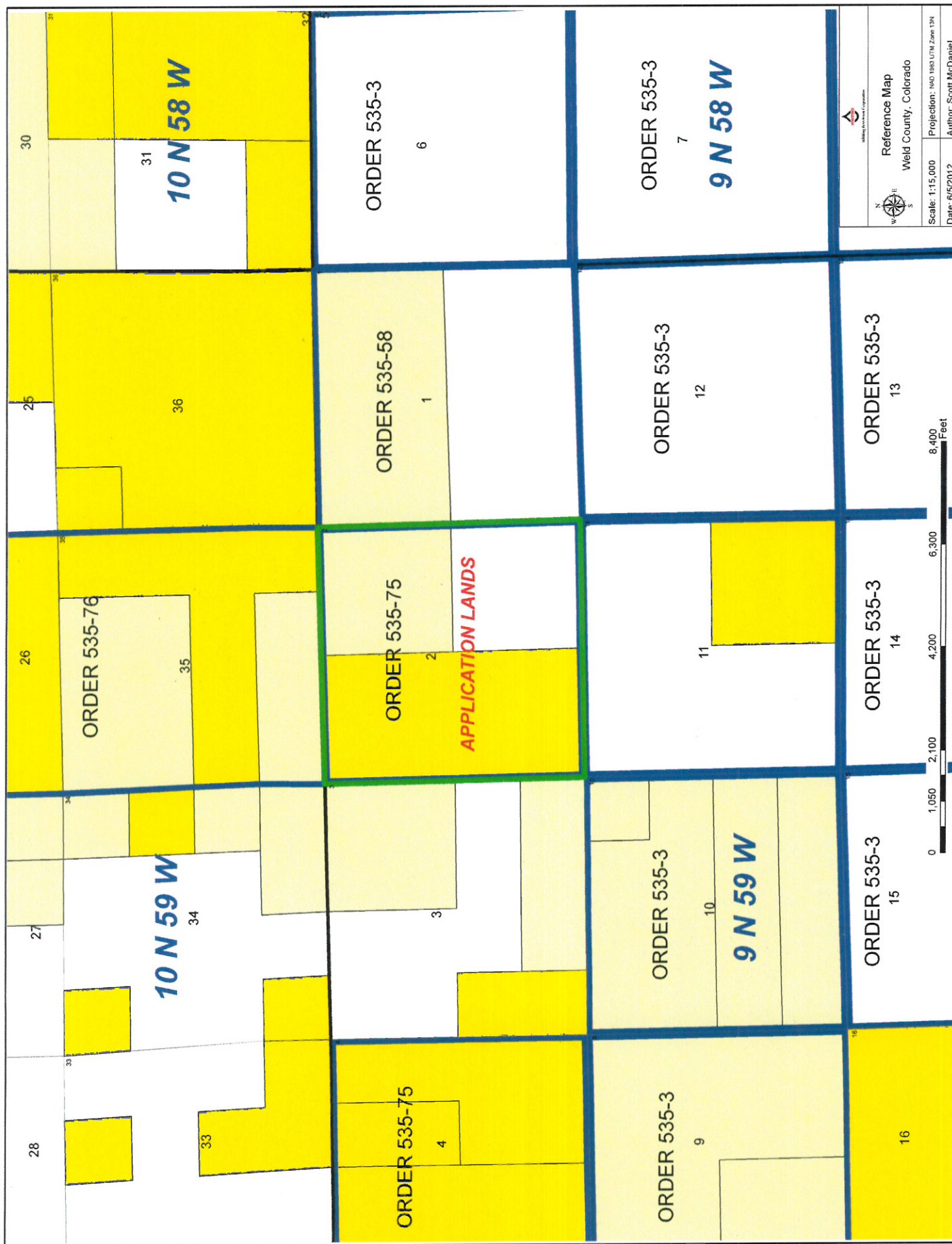
EXHIBIT A

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Reference Map
Weld County, Colorado

Scale: 1:15,000	Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N
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