

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



IN THE MATTER OF THE **AMENDED**
VERIFIED APPLICATION OF
MARATHON OIL COMPANY FOR AN
ORDER VACATING FORCED POOLING
ORDER NO. 535-114 AS IT APPLIES TO
TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST,
SECTION 30, 6TH P.M., IN WELD
COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO:

ORDER NO:

DOCKET NO: 1208-UP-~~218~~

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AMENDED VERIFIED APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Applicant, Marathon Oil Company, by and through its attorneys, Poulson, Odell & Peterson, LLC, and files this **amended** application with the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado for an Order vacating forced pooling Order No. 535-114 as it applies to certain described lands in Weld County, Colorado. In support thereof, Applicant states as follows:

1. That Applicant is a company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. That Applicant owns leasehold interests in all or part of the following lands in Weld County, Colorado:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30: All

(the "Application Lands"). A reference map is attached as Exhibit "B".

3. **Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation.**

4. On June 30, 2011, effective June 27, 2011, (corrected July 12, 2011) the Commission entered Corrected Order No. 535-41 which established a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the drilling of up to two horizontal wells to the Niobrara Formation, **for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore for the permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries without exception being granted by the Director.**

5. On January 26, 2011, effective January 23, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-114, at the request of Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc., which force pooled all nonconsenting interests in the drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of "a horizontal well", the Slick Rock #1-30-11-7-60 Well, to the Niobrara Formation.

6. The Commission's COGIS Well information currently shows that the status of the Slick Rock #1-30-11-7-60 Well is "AL", *i.e.*, that it is an abandoned location.

7. Forced pooling is valid only when accompanied by an intention to drill a particular well within a reasonable amount of time. See COGCC Rule 530. The contemplated well serves as the basis for the AFE required to be served upon all nonconsenting owners as a condition precedent to force pooling. The abandonment of the APD upon which the AFE was calculated works to void the force pooling order.

8. Applicant asserts that the requested relief is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to assure the greatest recovery of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation all in accordance with the Colorado statutes and the Commission rules.

9. By separate application, Applicant is concurrently requesting that the Commission amend Corrected Order No. 535-41 which established a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the drilling of two horizontal wells to the Niobrara Formation; to instead authorize the drilling of up to four (4) wells to the Niobrara Formation in the established approximate 640 acre drilling and spacing unit.

11. Pursuant to Rule 503(d) of this Commission, within seven (7) days of the filing of this Application, the Applicant shall submit a Certificate of Service to the Commission demonstrating that the Applicant served a copy of the Application on all persons entitled to Notice by mailing a copy thereof, first-class postage prepaid, to the last known mailing address of the interested parties. Applicant shall simultaneously submit said list of interested parties to the Commission via electronic media.

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

DATED: **July 19, 2012.**

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Harris

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Tricia L. Clarke, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he/she is Landman for Marathon Oil Company, and that he/she has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief.

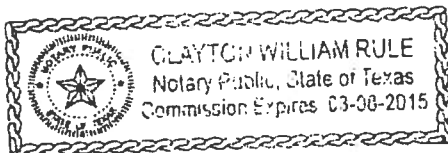
MARATHON OIL COMPANY

By: Tricia L. Clarke
Tricia L. Clarke

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of June, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 3-8-2015.



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EXHIBIT A
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August, 2012 Application for Niobrara:
 Increase density from 1 to 4 Wells
 7N 60W, SECT 30

