

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
GREAT WESTERN OIL & GAS COMPANY,)	
LLC TO ESTABLISH FIELD RULES TO)	Cause No.
GOVERN OPERATIONS FOR THE)	
DEVELOPMENT OF THE NIOBRARA)	Docket No.
FORMATION FOR CERTAIN DESCRIBED)	
LANDS IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO)	

APPLICATION

Great Western Oil & Gas Company, LLC ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to: (i) vacate Order No. 407-87 as to the Application Lands (defined below) for the Niobrara Formation; (ii) establish one (1) approximate 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit; and (iii) allow up to eight (8) horizontal wells to be drilled within the 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying the following lands. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Applicant holds certain leasehold interests in the following lands:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6th P.M.
Section 30: All

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

A reference map is attached hereto.

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 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. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318A, specifically 318A(l)(a)(4)(D). Applicant, however, is utilizing the traditional method of establishing a 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands. The retention of the traditional method of establishing drilling and spacing units within the Greater Wattenberg Area was specifically discussed and approved during the August 2011 rulemaking amending Rule 318A to address horizontal wells.

5. Applicant requests that the Commission vacate the 80-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-87 as to Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 67 West as

described in Paragraph 2 only for the Niobrara Formation. There are currently no producing wells from the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

6. Applicant further requests that the Commission establish one (1) 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara Formation. A drilling and spacing unit of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in the drilling and spacing unit.

7. Applicant requests that the Commission allow it to drill and complete one (1) horizontal well with the option to drill an additional seven (7) horizontal wells for the development of the Niobrara Formation in the 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, unless an exception is authorized by the Director. Applicant asserts that the requested relief will promote economical and efficient drainage, protect correlative rights, avoid waste, reduce surface impacts, and will effectively recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands.

8. Applicant states that all horizontal wells proposed to be drilled and completed shall be drilled from one (1) surface location located within the 589.56-acre drilling and spacing unit. Applicant has a surface use agreement with the landowner and has the consent to drill outside of the Rule 318A(l) drilling windows. Applicant confirms that the treated interval of any well shall be no closer than 460' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit, unless an exception is authorized by the Director. The Applicant further maintains that the proposed wells will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

9. Applicant states that the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next seven days as required by Rule 503.e.


WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, 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 this 18th day of August, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

GREAT WESTERN OIL AND GAS COMPANY, LLC.

By:



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VERIFICATION

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

K. Wade Pollard, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Land Manager for Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC and that he has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

K. Wade Pollard
K. Wade Pollard
Land Manager
Great Western Oil and Gas Company, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before this 15th day of August, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: 9/12



EXHIBIT A

Grizzly Petroleum Company
1700 Broadway, Suite 650
Denver, CO 80290

Imago Enterprise
140 Palmer Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Town of Windsor
301 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550

Seth Ward
443 Brisbane Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634

Riddell Brothers, LTD.
37967 WCR 37
Eaton, CO 80615

David Bauer
Weld County
1111 H Street
Greeley, CO 80632

Kim Kaal
Energy Liaison
Colorado Division of Wildlife
711 Independent Ave.
Grand Junction, CO 81505

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Colorado Department of
Public Health & Environment
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, CO 80246-1530

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Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

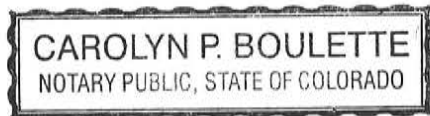
That she is the attorney for Great Western Oil & Gas Company, LLC and that on or before August 8th 2012, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

Jamie L Jost
Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 1st, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: October 22, 2015.



My Comm. Expires October 22, 2015

Carolyn P. Boulette
Notary Public

Raindance Spacing Unit

Section 30 of Township 6 North, Range 67 West, Weld County, CO

