## BEFORE THE OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE	)	
ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL	)	Cause No
INTERESTS IN THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN AN	)	
APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND	)	Docket No
SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN AN UNNAMED FIELD,	)	
WELD COUNTY COLORADO	)	

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. (referred to herein as "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and makes application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission"), for an order to pool all interests within an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of the Castor Federal LD14-68HN Well ("Well") (API No. 05-123-33493) to produce from the Niobrara Formation located in the following lands:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 14: ALL

Weld County, Colorado (hereafter "Application Lands").

In support thereof, the 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 certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. On February 22, 2001, the Commission issued Order No. 535-3, which among other things, established 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, and allowed up to one horizontal well in each of the units.
- 4. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), seeks an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

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(hereafter "Drilling and Spacing Unit").

- 5. 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) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 6. 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 already 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.
- 7. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Application Lands and Drilling and Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the 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 Application Lands and Drilling and Spacing Unit for the development of the Niobrara 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) are first incurred for the drilling of any well in the Drilling and Spacing Unit to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 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 Well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to all wells drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the Drilling and Spacing Unit comprising the Application Lands.
- 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 October, 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 day of July, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** 

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Daniel Brady Address Unknown

Darlene S. Fiscus Address Unknown

Doris L. Cook Living Trust dated April 12, 1994 c/o Nancy L. Sommer 8415 Bay Road Pasadena, MD 21122

E. Marie Wickland Family Trust under Instrument dated May 7, 1991 1468 44th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634

Edna Good Whitson Address Unknown Eileen S. Johnson Address Unknown

Ellis Knoll 63246 County Road #78 New Raymer, CO 80742

Frank Anderson Address Unknown

Hat Creek Royalty, Ltd. P.O. Box 3240 Midland, TX 79702

Heirs of Assigns of George E. Stockstill, Deceased Address Unknown

Heirs or Assigns of Bye H. Cressman, Deceased Address Unknown

Heirs or Assigns of Elsie F. Anderson, Deceased c/o James G. Anderson 7132 Baseline Rd. Boulder, CO 80303

Hugh A. McDermott Address Unknown

Jacalyn M. Dixon 1567 S. Chelton Rd., Apt.# 40C Colorado Springs, CO 80910

James E. McDermott Address Unknown

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Jennifer Cashmere 7501 N. Hampton Rd. Lincoln, NE 68506

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Greenwood Village, CO 80121

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Kerry F. McDermott Address Unknown Kevin G. McDermott Address Unknown

Larry Dean Kort 1305 N. Williams Ave. Hastings, NE 68901

Legacy Royalties, Ltd. P.O. Box 1360 Tyler, TX 75710-1360

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Mark D. McDermott Address Unknown

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Maryann Peard Address Unknown

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Richard D. Peterson Address Unknown

Richard Moore 22338 Falcon Crest Circle Wildomar, CA 92595

Robert C. Julander 4185 S. Oneida St. Denver, CO 80237

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Steven A. Winter Address Unknown

Thomas J. Brady Address Unknown

Thomas J. Brady, Trustee for Edward Brady
Address Unknown

Thomas Peard Address Unknown

Timothy J. McDermott Address Unknown

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Ward Petroleum Corporation P.O. Box 1187 Enid, OK 73702

William Peard Address Unknown

### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )		
) ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)		
Joseph H. Lorenzo, of lawful age says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Nobl Application and that the matters therein information and belief.	e, being first duly sworn upon oath, deple Energy, Inc. and that he has read the contained are true to the best of his known and the contained are true to the contained are true true to the contained are true to the contained are true true to the contained are true true true true true true true tr	foregoing
Subscribed and sworn to before this 35	_day of, 2012.	
Witness my hand and official seal.		
[SEAL]		
My commission expires: 10/28/12  NOTARY  PUBLIC OF COLORIUM  PUBLIC OF COLORIUM	Notary Public	

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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING
STATE OF COLORADO )
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )
Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:
That she is the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., that on or before August <u>ff</u> , 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 <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Application.  Jamie L. Jost
Subscribed and sworn to before me on July <u>3/,</u> 2012.
Witness my hand and official seal.
My commission expires: <u>October 22, 20</u> 15.
CAROLYN P. BOULETTE NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF COLORADO  My Comm. Expires October 22, 2015  My Comm. Expires October 22, 2015