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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE | CAUSE NO. ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN A N DOCKET NO. APPROXIMATE 695.46-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. ("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 drilling of the McClellan PC LG03-78HN Well, API No. 05-123-34351 ("Well") for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

> Township 8 North, Range 59 West Section 3: All (approximately 695.46-acres)

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 Colorado, and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
 - 2. Applicant holds the right to operate for a substantial portion of the Application Lands.
- On February 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which among other things, established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Application Lands, and authorized one horizontal well within each unit, for development and production of oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 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 Niobrara Formation, including any nonconsenting interests therein.
- 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 the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of a horizontal well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 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.

7. 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 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 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 the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of a horizontal well 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 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 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: August 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

Noble Energy, Inc.

By:

Jamie Jost

Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

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VERIFICATION

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)		
Joseph H. Lorenzo, of lawful ag says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Nob Application and that the matters thereir information and belief.	Joseph H. Lorenzo, Attorney-In-Fact Noble Energy, Inc. and that he has read Joseph H. Lorenzo, Attorney-In-Fact Noble Energy, Inc.	the foregoing
Subscribed and sworn to before this <u>3</u>	Tday of Tuly, 2012.	
Witness my hand and official seal.		
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My commission expires: 10/28/12 NOTARY PUBLIC OF COLOR	Notary Public	

EXHIBIT A

To be filed pursuant to Rule 503.

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STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
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Elizabeth Y. Gallaway 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 3, 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 to the Application.

Elicabeth Y. Gallaway

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August

_, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 10-04-13

Notary Public

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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 Noble Energy, Inc. and that on or before August 7, 2012 she caused a copy of the above-captioned Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on the attached Notice List.

Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me August _____, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: October 22, 2015.

CAROLYN P. BOULETTE NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF COLORADO

My Comm. Expires October 22, 2015

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EXHIBIT A

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Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me August 10, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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(The Estate of) William E. Whitson, his unknown heirs or assigns, c/o Sharon Whitson-Pfeifer 815 SE 4th Street Loveland, CO 80537

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