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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
CARRIZO OIL AND GAS, INC., FOR AN	)	
ORDER ALLOWING UP TO THREE	)	Cause No.
HORIZONTAL WELLS IN A 640-ACRE	)	
DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR THE	)	Docket No.
NIOBRARA FORMATION IN SECTION 20	)	
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST IN	)	
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

#### APPLICATION

Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc. ("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 authorizing up to three horizontal wells in the following-described 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 20: All

Weld County, Colorado (together the "Application Lands"),

and further providing that the treated interval of each horizontal wellbore may be separated by a minimum of 600 feet for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. On February 22, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-3, which among other things, established 160 approximate 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. On July 9, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-164, which, among other things, pooled all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.

- 5. Applicant requests that up to three horizontal wells be authorized for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.
- 6. In accordance with Rule 318, Applicant will locate and drill the wells so that the treated interval of the horizontal wells is no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the units. Applicant requests that the 1,200 foot internal wellbore setback of Rule 318 be relaxed so that the treated interval of the horizontal wells may be separated by a minimum of 600 feet.
- 7. Applicant asserts that additional wells are necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and to assure the maximum efficient recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 8. The names and addresses of the interested parties to this Application are set forth in Exhibit A, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order:

- A. Authorizing up to three horizontal wells in the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- B. Providing that said wells shall be located and drilled so that the treated interval of the wellbores are no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the unit and are separated by a minimum of 600 feet.

C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the matter.

Dated: September 17, 2012

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#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF TEXAS	)
COUNTY OF Havvis	) ss. )

Craig Wiest, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is a Land Manager for Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. 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.

Craig Wiest

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 2/2/2014



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## Exhibit A

### **Interested Parties**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CARRIZO OIL AND GAS, INC., FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING UP TO THREE Cause No. HORIZONTAL WELLS IN A 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO  O Cause No. Docket No.  NORTH NO.  NORTH NO.  NORTH NO.  NO.  NO.  NO.  NO.  NO.  NO.  NO.			
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING			
STATE OF COLORADO ) )ss.			
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )			
Elizabeth Y. Gallaway, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:			
That she is the attorney for Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc., that on or before September 34, 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.  Elizabeth Y. Gallaway			
Subscribed and sworn to before me September 17, 2012.			
Witness my hand and official seal.  My formmissions poires: 10-04-13  PUBLIC O LONG TO			
Notary Public			