

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE **AMENDED**  
APPLICATION OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC.  
FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN  
EXPLORATORY **640**-ACRE DRILLING AND  
SPACING UNIT IN THE CODELL-NIOBRARA  
FORMATION, IN SECTION **22**, TOWNSHIP 8  
NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., WELD  
COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No. 535

Docket No. 1301-SP-15

APPLICATION

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this **Amended** Application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to C.R.S. 34-60-116, for an order establishing an exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation in the following lands:

Township 8 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

**Section 22: All**

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

In support thereof, 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 holds all or substantially all of the leasehold interests in the Application Lands. A reference map of the Application Lands is attached hereto.
3. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a. which provides that a well to be drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.
4. Applicant requests that the Commission establish an exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit on the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
5. Applicant requests that it be authorized to drill and complete one horizontal well within the exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands with the treated interval of the horizontal well located no closer than 600' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit, and no closer than 150' from the treated interval of another horizontal well that may be approved within the unit in the future.

6. Applicant requests that it be authorized to locate surface facilities for the proposed horizontal well anywhere within the designated drilling and spacing unit or on adjacent lands.

7. Applicant asserts that establishing an exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing on the Application Lands will allow for economic and efficient drainage of the Codell-Niobrara Formation; will prevent waste; will not adversely affect correlative rights and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil and associated hydrocarbon substances from said Formations. A **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed well in the Codell-Niobrara Formation within such unit.

8. 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:

A. Establishing the Application Lands as an exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Codell-Niobrara Formation and authorizing one horizontal well within the unit.

B. Providing that the treated interval of the horizontal well shall be no closer than 600' from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit, and no closer than 150' from the treated interval of another horizontal well that may be approved within the unit in the future.

C. Applicant requests that it be authorized to locate surface facilities for the proposed horizontal well anywhere within the drilling and spacing unit or on adjacent lands.

D. Finding that an exploratory **640**-acre drilling and spacing unit will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and will maximize the efficient and economic production of the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands; and


E. Granting any other relief as may be appropriate.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

By:

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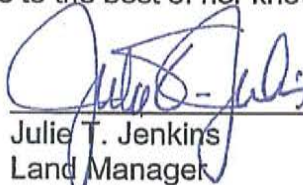
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VERIFICATION

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

Julie T. Jenkins, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that she is a Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc. and that she has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

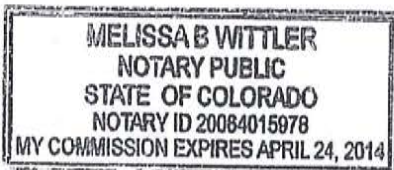
  
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Julie T. Jenkins  
Land Manager  
Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



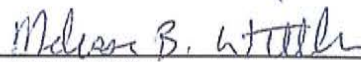
  
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Notary Public

EXHIBIT A  
INTERESTED PARTIES

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
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Colorado Department of  
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