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

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#### <u>APPLICATION</u>

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 pooling all interests for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 30: All Section 31: All

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

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. Sections 30 and 31, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, are each currently spaced as distinct 640-acre drilling and spacing units. Together, they comprise a proposed 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for development of the Niobrara Formation. The application for the proposed 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit is being filed concurrently with this pooling application for the Commission's January 2013 Hearing. Approval of the current pooling application is contingent upon Commission approval of said companion application.
- 4. 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 Sections 30 and 31, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, and allowed up to one horizontal well in each of the units.

- 5. On October 31, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-102, which among other things, established three approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 30, Township 9 North, Range 59 West, and approved up to two horizontal wells within each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- 6. Applicant, pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) & (7) and Commission Rule 530, seeks an order pooling all interests, including, but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in the Application Lands for the development of the Niobrara Formation.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

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 with respect to all wells drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the drilling unit comprised of 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, 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: November 2, 2012

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### **VERIFICATION**

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Appl	he is a Land Manager for Carrizo	Oil & G	duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says as, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing ined are true to the best of his knowledge Craig Wiest
	Subscribed and sworn to befor	e me thi	s <u>20th</u> day of October, 2012.
	Witness my hand and official s	eal.	KEILAH JOY WHITLEY Notary Public, State of Texas
Мус	ommission expires: 2/2/2014		My Commission Expires February 02, 2016
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#### Exhibit A

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CARRIZO OIL AND GAS, INC., FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN A PENDING 1280-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 59 WEST IN WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	Cause No.  Docket No.
AFFIDAVIT OF MAIL	ING
STATE OF COLORADO )	*
)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )	
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Subscribed and sworn to before me October	beth Y. Sallaway
My commission expires: Apsel 16, 2016.  PUBLIC OF COLORING  Notar	Mastha a Zasi ry Public