

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
SWIFT ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO)	
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 643.40-)	Cause No.
ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND)	
SPACING UNIT IN SECTIONS 31 AND 32,)	Docket No.
TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST)	
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE)	
NIOBRARA FORMATION FOR CERTAIN		
DESCRIBED LANDS IN LA PLATA COUNTY,		
COLORADO		

APPLICATION

Swift Energy Operating, LLC ("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") pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(2) & (3) for an order establishing a 643.40-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit and allowing up to one horizontal well to be drilled within the 643.40-acre exploratory drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain described lands in La Plata County, Colorado. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a Texas limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.

2. Applicant holds certain leasehold interests in the following lands:

Township 34 North, Range 12 West, North Meridian
Section 31: N½
Section 32: N½

La Plata County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

Reference maps are attached hereto.

3. The Niobrara Formation is a common source of supply underlying the Application Lands.

4. The Application Lands are unspaced with respect to the Niobrara Formation. Since there are no Commission orders specifically applicable to the development of the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands, wells drilled on the Application Lands are subject to Rule 318 of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. Under Rule 318.a, wells deeper than 2,500 feet shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet from any other well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.

5. There are currently no producing wells from the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands. No wells have been drilled and completed to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands, or on any lands in close proximity to the Application Lands.

6. To promote efficient drainage with the Niobrara Formation of the Application Lands, to protect correlative rights, avoid waste and effectively recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons, the Commission should establish a drilling and spacing unit of 643.40 acres for the Application Lands. Drilling and spacing units of the size and shape specified above is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells in the drilling and spacing units.

7. Applicant also requests that the Commission allow it to drill and complete one (1) horizontal well in the above described drilling and spacing unit for the development of the Niobrara Formation for the Application Lands.

8. The horizontal well proposed to be drilled and completed shall be drilled from one surface location located within the 643.40 acre drilling and spacing unit. Applicant confirms that the treated interval of any well shall be no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of the drilling and spacing unit. The Applicant further maintains that the proposed well will have no adverse effect on correlative rights of adjacent owners.

9. Applicant states 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.

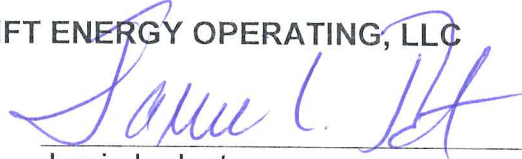
WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing, that notice be given as required by law and that upon such hearing this Commission enter its order consistent with Applicant's proposal as set forth above.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

SWIFT ENERGY OPERATING, LLC

By:



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

James P. Mitchell, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Senior Vice President Commercial Transactions and Land for Swift Energy Operating, LLC 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. .

James P. Mitchell

James P. Mitchell
Sr. VP Commercial Transactions & Land
Swift Energy Operating, LLC

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Subscribed and sworn to before this 13th day of December, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

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My commission expires: Sept 26, 2015

Angelica M Harper
Notary Public

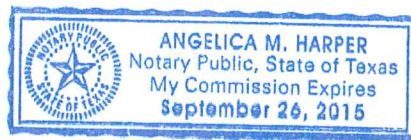


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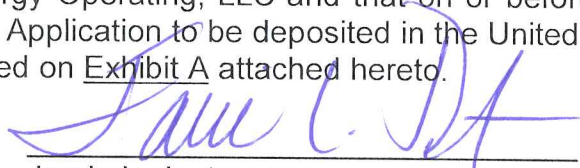
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Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is the attorney for Swift Energy Operating, LLC and that on or before December
____ 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 attached hereto.

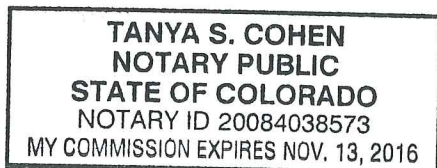


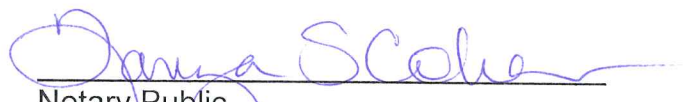
Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 13, 2012.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11/13/2016.





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 Swift Energy Operating, LLC, that on or before December 21, 2012, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed below.

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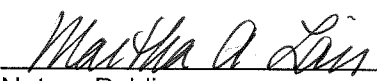
Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 21, 2012.

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