

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
SWIFT ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO)	
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SPACING UNIT IN SECTIONS 28 AND 29,)	Docket No.
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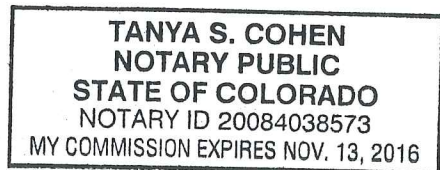
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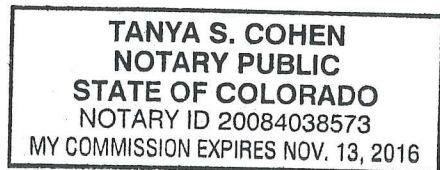
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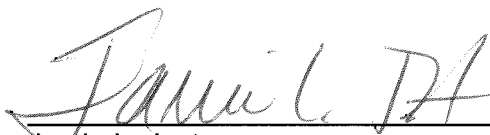
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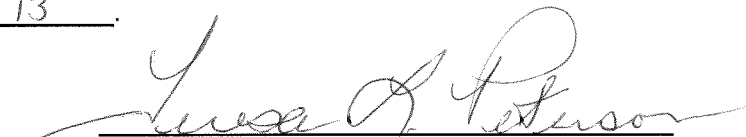
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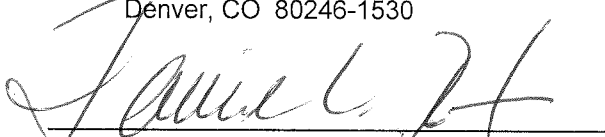
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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
SWIFT ENERGY OPERATING, LLC TO) Cause No.
ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 587.80-)
ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND) Docket No.
SPACING UNIT IN SECTIONS 28 AND 29,)
TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST,)
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE)
NIOBRARA FORMATION FOR CERTAIN)
DESCRIBED LANDS IN LA PLATA COUNTY,)
COLORADO)

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

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

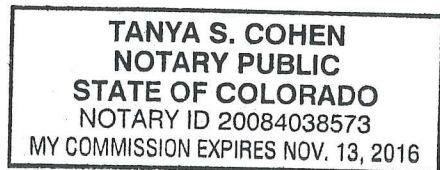
That she is the attorney for Swift Energy Operating, LLC and that on or before December
___ 2012, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail,
postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

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

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11/13/2016.



Tanya S. Cohen
Notary Public