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 SIX)	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 a total of up to six horizontal wells in the following-described 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M. Section 20: 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. 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. On November 15, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 535-218 which, among other things, authorized up to three horizontal wells in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, with the treated interval of each horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and separated by a minimum of 600 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, for the production of oil,

gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.

- 6. Applicant requests that a total of up six horizontal wells be authorized for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands.
- 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 a total of up to six horizontal wells in the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.
- B. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the matter.

Dated: January 23, 2013

Kenneth A. Wonstolen

Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Kenneth E. Warner

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORADO)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER) SS.)
that he is a Land Manager for Carrizo C	g first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says oil & Gas, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing contained are true to the best of his knowledge,
Subscribed and sworn to before	me this <u> 23</u> day of January, 2013.
Witness my hand and official sea My commission expires: 10-04-13	Notary Public

Exhibit A

Interested Parties

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

Kenneth E. Warner, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Carrizo Oil and Gas, Inc., that on or before January 30, 2013, he 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.

Kenneth É. Warner

Subscribed and sworn to before me January 23, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public