

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 320-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	CAUSE NO.  DOCKET NO.
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**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., and makes this application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission") for an order pooling all interests within an approximate 320-acre designated wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Shelton G25-75HN Well, API No. 05-123-35541 ("Well") for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 4 North, Range 65 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 25: W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$

Weld County, Colorado (hereinafter "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 owns certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
3. On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
4. On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other things, allowed certain drilling locations to be utilized to drill or twin a well, deepen a well or recomplete a well and to commingle any or all of the Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended to allow interior infill and boundary wells to be drilled

and wellbore spacing units to be established. On August 8, 2011, Rule 318A was again amended to, among other things, address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A for the Niobrara Formation.

5. Applicant designated the 320-acre wellbore spacing unit, as defined below, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation pursuant to Rule 318A. and notified the appropriate parties under Rule 318A.

6. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and/or the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), hereby requests an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following designated approximate 320-acre wellbore spacing unit:

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(hereafter "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

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 the 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 as applicable. 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 Wellbore Spacing Unit should be pooled for the orderly development of the Niobrara Formation, including any nonconsenting interests therein.

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 and the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well in the Wellbore Spacing Unit 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 Well are pooled by operation of statute, pursuant to C.R.S. § 34-60-116(6) and (7), and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof with respect to the Well drilled to develop the Niobrara Formation in the Wellbore Spacing Unit comprising 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 in March, 2013, that 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: January 22, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

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VERIFICATION

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

Joseph H. Lorenzo, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for Noble Energy, Inc. 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.

  
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Joseph H. Lorenzo  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Noble Energy, Inc.

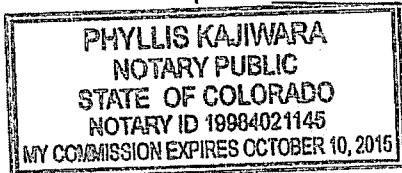
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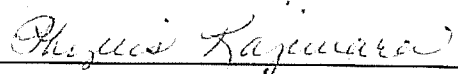
Subscribed and sworn to before this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

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



  
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## EXHIBIT A

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP  
P.O. Box 1330  
Houston, TX 77251

PDC Energy, Inc.  
1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, CO 80203

River Partnership  
Unknown

Pulsar Oil & Gas, Inc.  
10020-A Main Street, #10  
Bellevue, WA 98004

Anadarko E&P Company LP  
P.O. Box 1330  
Houston, TX 77251

JAGI Capital Group, Inc.  
3609 Willomet Court  
Bedford, TX 76021

Douglas J. Guion  
P.O. Box 899  
Denver, CO 80201

Colorado Energy Minerals, Inc.  
P.O. Box 899  
Denver, CO 80201

Dawn Krupp, f/k/a Dawn Hutson  
7045 W. 27th Ave.  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Shelton Land & Cattle, Ltd.  
10570 WCR 75 1/2  
Roggen, CO 80652

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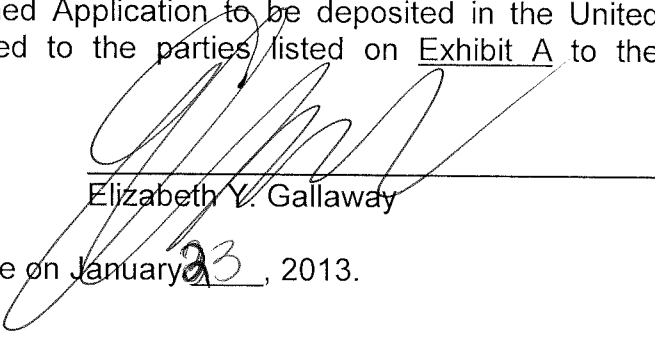
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Elizabeth Y. Gallaway of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

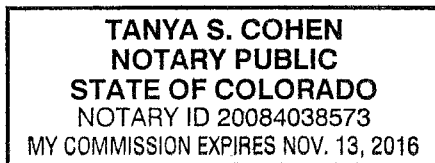
That she is the attorney for Noble Energy, Inc., that on or before January 24, 2013, she caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.


  
Elizabeth Y. Gallaway

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 23, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11/13/2016.



  
Notary Public