# 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 POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN THE CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION IN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH P.M. IN THE AN UNKNOWN FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

### **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 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the drilling of the Keota PC LB26-62HN well, API No. 05-123-36549 ("Well") for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 26: All

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 22, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-3, which among other things, established 160 approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Application Lands, and authorized one horizontal well within each unit, for development and production of oil, gas and related hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- 4. Applicant, pursuant to Commission Rule 530 and the provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116 (6) and (7), seeks an order to pool all interests, including but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

# Township 9 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 26: All

(hereinafter "Drilling and Spacing Unit").

- 5. 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 the Well to the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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 Codell-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 Drilling and Spacing Unit for the development of the Codell-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 Drilling and Spacing Unit to the Codell-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 Codell-Niobrara Formation in the Drilling and 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:

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# **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO )	
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says that he is Attorney-in-Fact for No	ge, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and oble Energy, Inc. and that he has read the foregoing in contained are true to the best of his knowledge,  Joseph H Lorenzo  Attorney in-Fact Noble Energy, Inc.
Subscribed and sworn to before this	<u>ಖ್</u> ದೆay of January 2013.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
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My commission expires:  PHYLLIS KAJIWARA  NOTARY PUBLIC  STATE OF COLORADO  NOTARY ID 19984021145  NY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 10, 2015	The Juni Kajemirea

#### **EXHIBIT A**

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)

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 perform 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 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

TANYA S. COHEN NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20084038573 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOV. 13. 2016

Notary Public