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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN	)	CAUSE NO. 535
ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN APPROXIMATE 640-	)	
ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT	)	DOCKET NO. To be assigned
AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF UP TO EIGHT (8)	)	
HORIZONTAL WELLS FOR SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 7	)	
NORTH, RANGE 59 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR	)	
PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,	)	
UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

## APPLICATION

Prima Exploration, Inc. ("Prima" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Burleson LLP, respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approve the drilling of up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. 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 has registered as an operator with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 7 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 9: All

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands." <u>Exhibit A</u>, attached hereto, is the Application Map which depicts the location of said Application Lands.

- 3. The Application Lands are unspaced with respect to the Niobrara Formation, which is a common source of supply underlying said lands and, as such, Rule 318.a. applies to said lands and under said rule, wells greater than 2,500 feet in depth shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall not be located less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.
- 4. Applicant requests an order establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and the authority to drill up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the proposed unit boundaries and an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director. Applicant further alleges that there are no existing wells producing from the Niobrara Formation within the proposed unit.

- 5. That in order to promote efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands, to prevent waste, and to protect correlative rights, the Commission should establish the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit requested herein for the drilling and completion of up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the unit. The requested drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by up to eight (8) horizontal wells.
- 6. The granting of this application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §34-60-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 7. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within the proposed drilling and spacing unit) are attached hereto and marked <u>Exhibit B</u>. The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within the 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:

- A. Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and approve of up to eight (8) horizontal wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries and an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the Niobrara Formation, without exception being granted by the Director.
- B. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this  $15^{t}$  day of March, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

PRIMA EXPLORATION, INC.

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## **VERIFICATION**

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

Scott Homsher, Land Manager for Prima Exploration, Inc., upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

PRIMA EXPLORATION, INC.

Scott Homsher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of March, 2013, by Scott Homsher, Land Manager for Prima Exploration, Inc.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 1-15-2017

Notary Public

NANCY R. WEBER
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID # 19974000612
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JANUARY 15, 2017

## EXHIBIT B

#### **INTERESTED PARTIES**

The names and addresses of the interested parties (owners within Section 9, Township 7 North, Range 59 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this Exhibit B.

Prima Exploration, Inc. 100 Fillmore Street, Suite 450 Denver, CO 80206

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David Bauer Weld County LGD 1111 H Street Greeley, CO 80632

Blackland Petroleum, LLC 17190 East Dorado Place Centennial, CO 80015

Esenjay Petroleum Corporation 500 North Water Street Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Estate of Marguerite Carter, deceased 2916 Chatsworth Blvd. San Diego, CA 92106

Condor Energy Technology, LLC 3315 Highway 50 Silver Springs, NV 89429

Dalco Oil Company 1200 Mercantile Bank Building Dallas, TX 75201 Robert A. Willis Burleson LLP 1700 Lincoln St., Suite 1300 Denver, CO 80203

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Estate of John Paul Ahrens, Sr., deceased John Paul Ahrens, Jr. 640 Princeton Street New Milford, NJ 07646

Gene F. Lang & Co. 19751 East Mainstreet, Suite 334 Parker, CO 80138

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Estate of Wirt L. Harris, deceased James Harris Galloway 5820 North Barnes Circle Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Crain Energy, Ltd. 222 East Tyler Street Longview, TX 75606

Estate of W.O. Duffie, deceased Address unknown Ada, OK 74820

Estate of Rose L. Dukes, deceased Address unknown Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Global Natural Resources Company P.O. Box 4682 Houston, TX 72210

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The Ramsey Trust Arthur B. Ramsey & Lyle O. Ramsey, Trustees P.O. Box 11369 Albuquerque, NM 87192

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