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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY,LLC FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL WELLS IN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 67 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

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#### **APPLICATION**

Great Western Operation Company, LLC ("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 five (5) additional horizontal wells, for a total of twelve (12) horizontal wells, in the following-described approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit:

Township 6 North, Range 67 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 16: All

Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant the right to operate in the Application Lands.
- 3. On April 27, 1988, 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 Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A was amended, among other things, 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, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells.
- 4. On January 7, 2013, the Commission entered Order No. 407-741 which, among other things, established an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain described lands including the Application Lands and approved a total of seven (7) horizontal wells to be located within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formations.

- 5. There are currently no existing vertical and/or directional wells drilled and completed to the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 6. Applicant requests five (5) additional horizontal wells, for a total of up to twelve (12) horizontal wells, be authorized for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands, with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 7. Applicant requests authorization to locate the wellpads for the proposed horizontal wells anywhere within the unit, or on adjacent lands. The proposed wellpads are not within a designated GWA drilling window. Applicant has proposed the surface location on leasehold with an executed Surface Use Agreement.
- 8. Applicant requests confirmation that it shall be allowed to utilize its blanket bond to located the wellpads for the proposed horizontal wells on at a surface location outside the applicable GWA drilling window, if applicable. As a courtesy, the surface owners within the proposed unit have been provided notice of this Application.
- 9. Applicant asserts that additional five (5) horizontal wells are necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and to assure the maximum efficient recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 10. 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 five (5) additional horizontal wells, for a total of twelve (12) horizontal wells, in each unit on the Application Lands for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation with the treated interval of the horizontal wellbore to be no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- B. Authorizing the location of the wellpads for the proposed horizontal wells anywhere within the unit, or on adjacent lands.
- C. Confirming that Applicant shall be allowed to utilize its blanket bond to locate the wellpads for the proposed horizontal wells on at a surface location outside the applicable GWA drilling window, if applicable.
- D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the matter.

Dated: May 2013

Respectfully submitted:

**GREAT WESTERN OPERATING COMPANY, LLC** 

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### VERIFICATION

| STATE OF COLORADO ) ss.   |   |  |  |  |
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| CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)                                      |   |  |  |  |
| that he is the Land Manager for Great Western                   | being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says an Operating Company, LLC and that he has read the rein contained are true to the best of his knowledge, |  |  |  |
|   | K. Wade Pollard Land Manager Great Western Operating Company, LLC   |  |  |  |
| Subscribed and sworn to before this <u>20</u> day of May, 2013. |   |  |  |  |
| Witness my hand and official seal.                              | JESSICA DANIELLE VIRGO NOTARY PUBLICA   |  |  |  |
| [SEAL]  | STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20134020753 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 25, 2017  |  |  |  |
| My commission expires: March 25,20                              | Motary Public   |  |  |  |

#### Exhibit A

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Surface Owner (Courtesy Notice Only)
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301 East Chestnut
Windsor, CO 80550

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

That she is the attorney for Great Western Operating Company, LLC, that on or before June 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.

Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me May 30, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

commission expires: 10-04-13

Notary Public