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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CAUSE NO. NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 470.76-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED **FOR** SECTIONS 14 AND 15, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE **NIOBRARA** FORMATION. WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

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 to pool all interests within an approximate 470.76-acre wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Holman B15-65HNM Well, (API No. 05-123-37200) ("Well") for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 5 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 14: S½NW¼, N½SW¼ Section 15: N½S½, S½N½

Weld County, Colorado (hereinafter "Application Lands").

In support thereof, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 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.
- On February 19, 1992, the Commission entered 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, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.
- On April 27, 1998, the Commission adopted Rule 318A, which, among other 4 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.

- 5. Applicant designated the 470.76-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 approximate 470.76-acre designated wellbore spacing unit:

Township 5North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.

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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 July 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: May <u>30</u>, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

NOBLE ENERGY, INC

By:

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### **VERIFICATION**

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

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.

Joseph H. Lorenze

Attorney-In-Facti Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before this 29th day of May 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal

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PHYLLIS KAJIWARA NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID # 19984021145 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCTOBER 10, 2015

My commission expires: 10-10-2016

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### **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

STATE OF COLORADO )	
)ss. CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER )	
Elizabeth Y. Gallaway of lawful age, and declares:	being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and
That she is the attorney for Noble Encaused a copy of the attached Application to prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit	ergy, Inc., that on or before June, 2013, she be deposited in the United States Mail, postage bit A to the Application.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on	May 30_, 2013.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
My commission expires:	<u>6</u> .

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

Notary Public

#### **EXHIBIT A**

Salter Family Trust 3100-A Pullam St. Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Scotia Gas, Ltd. Address unknown

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