

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	
BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING	)	
COMPANY LLC FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING	)	
THE DRILLING OF UP TO TEN HORIZONTAL	)	CAUSE NO. 407 & 535
WELLS TO THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN A	)	
640-ACRE SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTION	)	
30, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF	)	DOCKET NO. 1310-AW-__
THE 6TH P.M., WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD	)	
COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

**VERIFIED APPLICATION**

Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC ("Bonanza") by and through its attorneys, Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC, respectfully submits its Verified Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order authorizing the drilling and completion of up to ten (10) horizontal wells in an existing drilling and spacing unit consisting of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the Wattenberg Field, Weld County, Colorado. In support of its Verified Application Bonanza states as follows:

1. Bonanza is a limited liability company duly organized and authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado.

2. Bonanza owns oil and gas leasehold interests in the following section in Weld County, Colorado (the "Application Lands"):

Township 5 North, Range 61 West 6<sup>th</sup> P. M.  
Section 30

3. By Order 407-779 & 535-4, entered effective February 22, 2011 and corrected on April 4, 2011, the Commission established the Application Lands as a 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. The Order authorized the drilling of one horizontal well in the unit, with the treated interval of the permitted wellbore to be no closer than 460 feet from the boundaries of the unit.

4. According to the records of the Commission, the only well which has been drilled to the Application Lands is the Ansley #1 well, a J Sand well which was drilled and abandoned in 1981.

5. Section §34-60-116(4) of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Act authorizes the Commission to permit additional wells to be drilled within established drilling and spacing units in order to prevent or assist in preventing waste.

6. Bonanza requests that the Commission authorize the drilling and completion of up to ten (10) horizontal wells to the Niobrara Formation in the unit composed of the Application Lands, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons, to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

7. Consistent with Rule 318A(l).m, Bonanza further requests that the treated interval of any horizontal well be no closer than 150 feet from the wellbore of any then-existing or permitted oil and gas well, unless waived in writing by the operator of the encroached upon well.

8. Bonanza further requests that horizontal wells under the requested order be located on no more than two surface pads per governmental half-section as designated by the operator, with wells on each pad to be drilled from surface locations within 50 feet of an adjacent drilled or permitted well, without exception being granted by the Director for good cause, which shall include surface owner consent.

9. Entry of an order consistent with the above requests will allow efficient drainage of the Niobrara Formation in the Application Lands, will prevent waste, will not adversely affect correlative rights of any owner, and will assure the greatest ultimate recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbon substances from the reservoir.

10. The proposed horizontal wells can be developed in a manner consistent with protection of the environment, public health, safety and welfare.

11. The undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party listed on **Exhibit A** as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Bonanza respectfully requests this matter be set for hearing, notice be given as required by law, and upon such hearing the Commission enter its order providing the relief requested by Bonanza above, together with such other relief consistent with the above requests as the Commission deems just and appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

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**EXHIBIT "A"**

**TO APPLICATION OF BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC**

**Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.**

**Applicant:** Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC  
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Denver, CO 80202

**Applicant's Attorney:** J. Michael Morgan, Esq.  
Lohf Shaiman Jacobs Hyman & Feiger PC  
950 South Cherry Street, Suite 900  
Denver, CO 80246

**Local Government Designee:** David Bauer  
Weld County  
1111 H Street  
Greeley, CO 80632

**Other Interested Parties:**

Celia Greenman  
Colorado Division of Wildlife  
6060 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80214

Kent Kuster  
Colorado Department of State  
Health and Environment  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246

Anschutz Family Investment Company, LLC  
555 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2400  
Denver, CO 80202

Anschutz Exploration Corporation  
555 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2400  
Denver, CO 80202

Bill Barrett Corporation  
1099 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2300  
Denver, CO 80202

State of Colorado  
600 Grant Street, Suite 640  
Denver, CO 80203

OOGC America, Inc.  
c/o CNOOC International Limited  
P.O. Box 4705, No. 25  
Chaoyangmenbei Dajie  
Dongcheng District, Beijing, 100010, P.R. China

Equus Farms, Inc.  
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Denver, CO 80202

The Estate of D.D. Shakarian, deceased  
Last known address:  
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Downey, CA 90214

Apparent Heir of D.D. Shakarian, Deceased:  
The Estate of Steven Shakarian, deceased  
Last known address:  
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San Diego, CA 92122

Apparent Heir of D.D. Shakarian, deceased:  
Richard Shakarian  
28 Mirador  
Irvine, CA 92612

Schneider Energy Services, Inc.  
303 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Greeley, CO 80631

Apparent Heir of D.D. Shakarian, deceased:  
Geraldine Shakarian Scalf  
410 Celtic Ct.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Clifford M. and June M. Ford  
P.O. Box 1965  
Harrison, Arkansas 72601

The Estate of Thomas A. Sappington, deceased  
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Libertytown, MD 21762

Apparent Heir of Thomas A. Sappington,  
deceased:  
Rose Marie Sappington  
P.O. Box 326  
Libertytown, MD 21762

Margaret C.S. Ramsburg  
9018 Walnut Street  
P.O. Box 97  
Libertytown, MD 21762

The Estate of Louise McPherson Wilding,  
deceased  
Last known address:  
51 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Apparent Heir of Louise McPherson Wilding,  
deceased:  
John G. Wilding  
6417 Grateful Heart Gate  
Columbia, MD 21044

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

Baylor University  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

Baylor College of Medicine  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

San Marcos Baptist Academy  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

Houston Baptist University  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

Buckner International  
1601 Elm, Suite 1700  
Dallas, TX 75201

The Estates of Clarence U. Evans and Mildred  
O. Evans, both deceased  
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Okmulgee, OK 74447

Apparent Heir of Clarence U. Evans and Mildred  
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The Estate of Sonya M. Higgins, deceased  
Last known address:  
P.O. Box 1235  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Apparent Heir of Clarence U. Evans and Mildred  
O. Evans, both deceased and Apparent Heir of  
Sonya M. Higgins, deceased:  
Shannon V. Higgins  
5 Glade Ct.  
Little Rock, AR 72223

Apparent Heir of Clarence U. Evans and Mildred O. Evans, both deceased:  
The Estate of Jerry C. Evans, deceased  
Last known address:  
1243 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

The Estate of William S. McPherson, Jr., deceased  
Last known address:  
10802 Connecticut Avenue  
Sun City, AZ 85351

Apparent Heir of William S. McPherson, Jr., deceased:  
William Smith McPherson III  
2982 Tierra Vide  
Bullhead City, AZ 86429

Apparent Heir of John F. McPherson, deceased:  
Melissa A. Gaines  
17419 Path Valley Road  
Spring Run, PA 17626

Apparent Heir of John F. McPherson, deceased:  
Family Tree Corporation  
P.O. Box 260498  
Lakewood, CO 80226

Rosalyn Culver Trust dated September 10, 2009  
P.O. Box 81045  
San Diego, CA 92138

CoBank, formerly known as U.S. AgBank, FCB, formerly known as Farm Credit Bank of Wichita  
245 North Waco Street  
Wichita, KS 67202

Colorado Energy Minerals, Inc.  
P.O. Box 899  
Arvada, CO 80007

Apparent Heir of Clarence U. Evans and Milred O. Evans, both deceased and Apparent Heir of Jerry C. Williams, deceased:  
Harvey G. Avers and Jo Deane Avers  
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Okmulgee, OK 74447

Apparent Heir of William S. McPherson, Jr., deceased:  
Charles B. McPherson  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80909

The Estate of John F. McPherson, deceased  
Last known address:  
248 E. Irvin Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Apparent Heir of John F. McPherson, deceased:  
John F. McPherson, Jr.  
436 West Washington Street, #2  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Oil & Gas Trust under A.M. Culver Trust dated November 18, 1970  
P.O. Box 81045  
San Diego, CA 92138

Harold J. Vance Testamentary Trust  
3030 Country Club Boulevard  
Sugarland, TX 77478

Riverside Club CO  
c/o Lawrence L. Lang  
6751 Lupine Circle  
Arvada, CO 80007

State of Colorado  
BLM Colorado State Office  
2850 Youngfield Street  
Lakewood, CO 80215

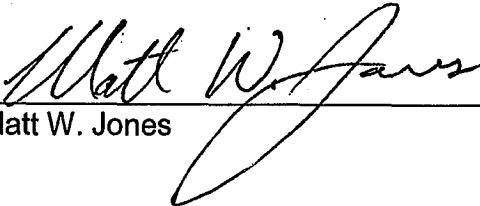
**VERIFICATION**

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

The undersigned, of lawful age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

1.     He is a Land Assistant for the Applicant, Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC, and maintains his office at 410 17th Street, Suite 1400, Denver, Colorado 80202.
2.     He has read the within Verified Application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

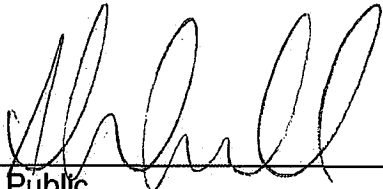
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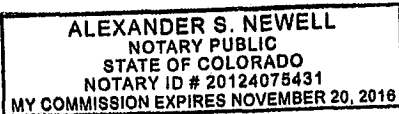
  
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Matt W. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 11-20-2016

  
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Notary Public



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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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

J. Michael Morgan, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

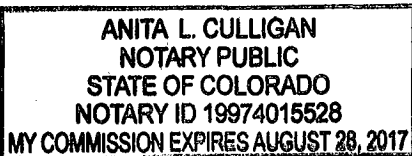
That he is the attorney for Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC in the above-captioned matter, that on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 he caused a copy of the attached Verified Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on **Exhibit A** to the Application.


  
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J. Michael Morgan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 8-28-17



  
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Notary Public