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 TO VACATE ORDER NO. 535-200 IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 59 WEST 6TH P.M. FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No.

Docket No.

APPLICATION

Noble Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to C.R.S. 34-60-116, for an order to vacate Order No. 535-200, which pooled all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation in the following lands:

Township 9 North, Range 59 West, 6th P.M. Section 9: All

Weld County, Colorado ("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 holds the right to operate for a substantial portion of 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 Niobrara Formation.
- 4. On August 20, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 535-200, which among other things pooled all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
 - 5. Applicant requests that the Commission vacate Order No. 535-200.
- 6. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application shall be served on each interested party within the next 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. Vacating Order No. 535-200.
- B. 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 August 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 this Hay of August, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

By:

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF COLORA	DO)	
) ss	
CITY AND COUNTY	OF DENVER)	

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. Lovenzo Attorney-h-Fact Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before this $\frac{2a^{rh}}{day}$ of August 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: May 26, 2014

DOLORES SPRESSER NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20104017063

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 28, 2014

EXHIBIT A INTERESTED PARTIES

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STATE OF COLORADO)
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Danielle Carroll of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is a Legal Assistant at Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., attorneys for Noble Energy Inc., and on or before September 5, 2013, 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.

Danielle Carroll

Subscribed and sworn to before me August 29, 2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 373/2015

Notary Public′

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