#### 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 POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 3,200-ACRE UNCONVENTIONAL RESOURCE UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR SECTIONS 3, 4, 9, 10, AND 16, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 58 WEST, 6TH P.M., FOR THE CODELL-NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

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 3,200-acre unconventional resource unit ("URU") for the development of the Codell-Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3: ΑII

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Section 4:

Section 9:

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Section 10: All

Section 16: All

Weld County, Colorado (hereinafter "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 owns certain leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- Order No. 535-3, entered by the Commission on February 22, 2011, established 640 acre drilling and spacing units for Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 of the Application Lands, allowed one (1) horizontal well in each unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, and approved the surface location for any permitted horizontal well to be located anywhere in the drilling and spacing unit with the initial perforation and ultimate bottomhole to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundary without exception being granted by the Director.
- Order No. 535-110, entered by the Commission on December 12, 2011, allowed all non-consenting interests in the 640 acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 10 of the Application Lands to be pooled pursuant to 34-60-116, C.R.S. for the Niobrara formation.

- 5. Order No. 535-125, entered by the Commission on January 23, 2012, established a 640 acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 16 of the Application Lands, allowed one (1) or more horizontal wells and one (1) or more vertical wells for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara formations, approved the treated interval of any permitted well to be drilled no closer than 600 feet from the boundaries of said unit and not less than 150 feet from another well or treated interval of a well, and required that any wells be drilled from no more than four (4) well pads per quarter section, with wells on each pad to be drilled within 50 feet of an adjacent well.
- 6. Order No. 535-302, entered by the Commission on March 25, 2013, among other things, 1) vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-3 for Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.; 2) vacated pooling Order No. 535-110 for Section 10, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.; 3) vacated the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 535-125 for Section 16, Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.; and 4) established an approximate 3,200-acre URU consisting of the Application Lands and approved the request for an unlimited number of wells within the boundaries of the URU, subject to engineering testimony establishing the appropriate number of wells to efficiently and economically drain the reservoir, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell-Niobrara Formation
- 7. The 3,200-acre URU is subject to a Unit Agreement ("UA") and Unit Operating Agreement ("UOA") whereby Noble was designated operator. Over 80 percent of the working interest owners have signed the UA and UOA.
- 8. 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 Codell-Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 3,200-acre URU:

# Township 9 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.

Section 3: All

Section 4: All

Section 9: All

Section 10: All

Section 16: All

- 9. 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 of any well in the 3,200-acre URU to the Codell-Niobrara Formation.
- 10. 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 wells in the 3,200-acre URU, and have been provided with the information required by Rule 530. The list of such interested parties is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

11. That in order to prevent waste and to protect correlative rights, all interests in the Application Lands and URU should be pooled for the orderly development of the Codell-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 3,200-acre URU for the development of the Codell-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 any well in the 3,200-acre URU to the Codell-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 any 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.
- 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 October 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: August 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

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By:

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## **VERIFICATION**

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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 Lorenzo Attorney-in-Fact Noble Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before this  $\frac{29\%}{200}$  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

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 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 2/2013.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: \_\_\_

Notary Public

MARY GRACE T. GO-HOVELAND Notary Public State of Colorado

#### **EXHIBIT A**

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