

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
PDC ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER TO  
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE  
320-ACRE DESIGNATED WELLBORE  
SPACING UNIT IN SECTIONS 1 AND 2,  
TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 66 WEST, 6TH  
P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION,  
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,  
COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW PDC Energy, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorneys, Jost & Shelton Energy Group, 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 320-acre wellbore spacing unit for the drilling of the Leffler 14-1H, (API No. 05-123-34331) ("Well") for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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Section 2: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

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.
3. 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 and allowed downhole commingling of production from the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
4. On April 27, 1998, 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 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. On April 16, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-614, which among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of the NW¼ of Section 2, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the Anderson 2AD Well (API No. 05-123-32320) and any subsequent well drilled in the wellbore spacing unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-614 does not affect the Application.

6. On April 16, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-621, which among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Sections 2 and 11, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the Leffler 2TD Well (API No. 05-123-31969) and any subsequent well drilled in the wellbore spacing unit, for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-621 does not affect this Application.

7. On November 15, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-729, which among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Sections 1 and 2, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-729 does not affect this Application.

8. On March 25, 2013, the Commission approved Order No. 407-772, which among other things, pooled all interests in an approximate 160-acre designated wellbore spacing unit consisting of certain lands in Section 2, Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6th P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell-Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-772 does not affect this Application.

9. Applicant designated the 320-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.

10. 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 320-acre designated wellbore spacing unit:

Township 6 North, Range 66 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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(hereafter "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

11. 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) are first incurred for the drilling of the Well to the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.

12. 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.

13. 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) 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 April 2014, 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: February 27, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

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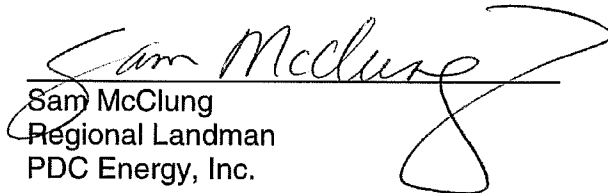
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VERIFICATION

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

Sam McClung, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that she is Regional Landman for PDC Energy, Inc., and that she has read the foregoing Application and that the matters therein contained are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

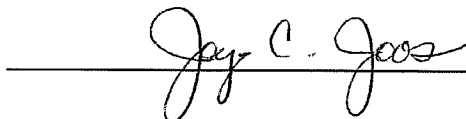
  
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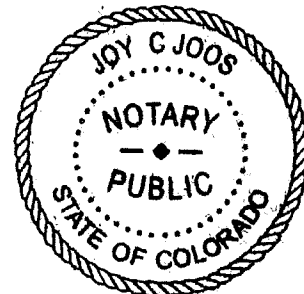
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: 2-23-2015

  
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My Commission Expires 02/23/2015

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