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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RED HAWK PETROLEUM LLC, FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING UP TO FOURTEEN WELLS IN AN ESTABLISHED APPROXIMATE 1,280-ACRE EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION IN SECTIONS 2 AND 11, TOWNSHIP 7 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST, 6TH P.M., WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO.

DOCKET NO.

### **APPLICATION**

RED HAWK PETROLEUM LLC ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Jost & Shelton Energy Group, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to authorize an additional twelve (12) wells, for a total of up to fourteen (14) wells, in an established approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit, for the efficient and economic development of the oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, but only as to the Application Lands defined below:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: All Section 11: All

Approximately 1,280 acres, more or less, Weld County, Colorado ("Application Lands").

In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a corporation duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado and is an operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the Application Lands.
- 3. Rule 318.a. specifies that a well drilled two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet or greater shall be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from any lease line. Rule 318.a. applies to the Niobrara Formation underlying the Application Lands.
- 4. Order Nos. 407-514 and 535-104, entered by the Commission on December 12, 2011, among other things, established an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 2 and 11, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, and approved one horizontal well within the unit, regardless of lease lines within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located on the surface anywhere

within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore for the permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, for lands subject to Rule 318.a., and no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries for lands subject to Rule 318A, without exception being granted by the Director.

- 5. Order Nos. 407-725 and 535-214, entered by the Commission on November 15, 2012, authorized one (1) additional horizontal well, for a total of two (2) horizontal wells within an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 2 and 11, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M. for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface locations for the wells to be anywhere within the unit but no more than one (1) surface location per quarter-quarter, and with the treated interval of any horizontal wellbore to be no closer than wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 6. Order No. 535-137, entered by the Commission on January 23, 2012, pooled all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the well.
- 7. Applicant requests that it be authorized to drill and complete an additional twelve (12) horizontal wells for a total of fourteen (14) horizontal wells in order to efficiently and economically recover the oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for Sections 2 and 11, Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M., with the surface locations for the wells to be anywhere within the unit but no more than one (1) surface location per quarter-quarter, and with the treated interval of any horizontal wellbore to be no closer than wellbore to be located no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, and no closer than 150 feet from the treated interval of any other wellbore located in the unit, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 8. The Commission records reflect that the following two wells are currently producing from the Application Lands.
- (a) The Buchner 1-2H Well (API No. 05-123-34825), a horizontal Niobrara well operated by Applicant.
- (b) The Buchner 2-2H Well (API No. 05-123-36703), a horizontal wildcat well operated by Applicant.
- 9. Applicant asserts that the additional wells are necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and to assure the maximum efficient recovery of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation on the Application Lands.
- 10. That the names and addresses of the interested parties, according to the information and belief of the Applicant, are set forth in Exhibit A 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 consistent with Applicant's proposals as set forth above.

Dated this

day of April, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

RED HAWK PETROLEUM LLC

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### **VERIFICATION**

Clark R. Moore, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is Executive Vice President of Red Hawk Petroleum LLC 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.

Red Hawk Petroleum LLC Executive Vice President

### <u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>

State of California

County of Contra Costa

On <u>April 15, 2014</u> before me, <u>Valentina Babichev, Notary Public</u> (insert name and title of the officer) personally appeared <u>Clark R. Moore</u>, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be <u>the person</u> whose <u>name is</u>/subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that <u>he</u> executed the same in <u>his</u> authorized <u>capacity</u>, and that by <u>his signature</u> on the instrument the <u>person</u>, or the entity upon behalf of which the <u>person</u> acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature (

VALENTINA BABICHEV
COMM. # 1979715
NOTARY PUBLIC • CALIFORNIA
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
MY COMM. EXP. MAY 26, 2016

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CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

Jamie L. Jost, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is the attorney for Red Hawk Petroleum LLC, that on or before April 2014, she 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.

Jamié L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me on April 17, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

Notary Public

DANIELLE E CARROLL
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID 20134059312
Commission Expires Sep 18, 2017

#### **Exhibit A**

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