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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF KERR-	)	
MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP FOR AN ORDER TO	)	CAUSE NO
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 240-	)	
ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE	)	DOCKET NO.
SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTIONS 22, 23 AND	)	
24, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 68 WEST, 6TH P.M.,	)	
FOR THE DEVLOPMENT/OPERATION OF THE	)	
NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD,	)	
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	)	

#### APPLICATION

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Kerr-McGee" or "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 pooling all interests in an approximate 240-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit designated for portions of Sections 22, 23 and 24, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

- 1. Applicant is a limited partnership formed under the laws of the State of Delaware; is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation; is duly authorized to conduct business in the State of Colorado; and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
  - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 22:

SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 23:

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Section 24:

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Weld County, Colorado

These lands are hereinafter referred to as 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, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation underlying certain lands, including the Application Lands, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1.

- 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. The Application Lands are subject to Rule 318A.
- 5. On March 17, 2014, the Commission entered Order Nos. 407-960, 407-961, 407-962 and 407-964, however, as of the date of this filing, the Orders are not available for public review.
- 6. Pursuant to Rule 318A., Applicant designated an approximate 240-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit, comprised of the Application Lands, for the Benson Farms 13N-23HZ Well, (API No. Pending) ("Well"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Applicant notified all owners in the proposed designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit pursuant to Rule 318A.e.(6). Applicant did not receive objections to the establishment of the proposed designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit within the 30-day response period.
- 7. Acting pursuant to the applicable Colorado Statutes and Commission Regulations, Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests, including, but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests and leased mineral interests, in an approximate 240-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit designated for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation.
- 8. Applicant requests that the pooling order entered as a result of this Application be made effective as of the date of this Application, or, as applicable, the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S., are first incurred for the drilling of the Well on the Application Lands, whichever is earlier.
- 9. Further, Applicant requests that any nonconsenting 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 §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.
- 10. The granting of this Application is in accord with the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, found at §34-60-101, et seq., C.R.S., and the Commission rules.
- 11. Applicant requests that relief granted under this Application should be effective on oral order by the Commission, and Applicant hereby agrees to be bound by said oral order.
- 12. That the names and addresses of the interested parties (persons who own any interest in the mineral estate of the tracts to be pooled, except owners of overriding royalty interest) according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The Applicant shall submit a certificate of service for the Application within the 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. Pooling all interests in the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation, with the pooling order made effective as of the date of this Application, or, as applicable, the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Well on the Application Lands, whichever is earlier.
- B. Providing that the nonconsenting 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 §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and made subject to the cost recovery provisions thereof.
- C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this Lay of April, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

### KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	) ss. )
Project Land Advisor for Kerr-McGee Oil & Application and that the matters therein cont	duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is & Gas Onshore LP, and that he has read the foregoing ained are true to the best of his knowledge, information
and belief.	As Eulo
	Jay Errebo
	Project Land Advisor
	Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17	day of April 2014.
Witness my hand and official seal.	JAMIE SULLIVAN NOTARY PUBLIC
[SEAL]	STATE OF COLORADO NOTARY ID 20114075324 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 11/29/2015
My commission expires:	15
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	Notary Public

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CAUSE NO.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

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

I, Joseph M. Evers of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state and declare that I am the attorney for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP, and that on or before the day of April, 2014, I 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.

Joseph M. Evers

Subscribed and sworn to before me April \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

Notary Public

DANIELLE E CARROLL Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID 20134059312

My Commission Expires Sep 18, 2017

# Exhibit A Interested Party List Benson Farms 13N-19HZ

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