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

MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 240-ACRE ESTABLISHED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT LOCATED IN SECTIONS 25 THROUGH 27, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 68 WEST, 6 <sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT/OPERATION OF THE CODELL FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO  CAUSE NO  DOCKET NO  DOCKET NO. To be assigned  )  CAUSE NO  DOCKET NO. To be assigned  )  CAUSE NO  DOCKET NO. To be assigned  )  CAUSE NO  DOCKET NO. To be assigned  )	IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY KERR-	)	
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### **APPLICATION**

Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Kerr-McGee" or "Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Beatty & Wozniak, 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 horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for portions of Sections 25 through 27, Township 3 North, Range 68 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for development and operation of the Codell 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 25:

SW1/4SW1/4

Section 26:

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Section 27:

SE1/4SE1/4

Weld County, Colorado

These lands are hereinafter referred to as the "Application Lands" and depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.

3. 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.

- 4. Pursuant to Rule 318A., Applicant designated an approximate 240-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit, comprised of the Application Lands, for the Douthit 16C-27HZ well (API No. Pending) ("Well") for production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation. Applicant notified all owners in the proposed wellbore spacing unit pursuant to Rule 318A.e.(6). Applicant did not receive objections to the establishment of the proposed horizontal wellbore spacing unit within the 30-day response period.
- 5. Acting pursuant to the relevant provisions of §34-60-116(6) & (7), C.R.S., and Rule 530., Applicant seeks an order pooling all interests, including, but not limited to, any nonconsenting interests and leased mineral interests, in the approximate 240-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell Formation.
- 6. That certain royalty owners whose oil and gas leases pre-date the widespread use of horizontal drilling and did not contemplate formation of horizontal wellbore spacing units under Rule 318A. have not agreed to participate in the wellbore spacing unit for purposes of royalty payments. Applicant has contacted each of these royalty owners, or has made diligent efforts to do so, to obtain their consent to participate in the wellbore spacing unit for purposes of royalty payments. Applicant has not been able to contact some of these individuals, or has received no response from them.
- 7. Applicant requests that the pooling order entered as a result of this Application be made effective as of the date of this Application.
- 8. Further, Applicant requests 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 made subject to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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 <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</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 approximate 240-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for the Application Lands for the development and operation of the Codell Formation, with the pooling order made effective as of the date of this Application.

- B. 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 §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 17 day of April, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF COLORADO	)
	) ss
CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER	)

Lauren Anderson, Landman II for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP, upon oath deposes and says that she has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

KERR-MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

Lauren Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 2014, by Lauren Anderson, Landman II for Kerr-McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:

**KERRI DOUGAN** NOTARY ID 20114006005 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 02/03/2015 Kerri Dorgan Notary Public

**Exhibit A** Application Map T3N, RÉ8W T3N, R68W Weld County *6* Application lands -

# **EXHIBIT B**

#### INTERESTED PARTIES

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 this <u>Exhibit B</u>.

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Jennifer Pittenger, of lawful age, and being first duly declares:	y sworn upon her oath, states and
That she is a Legal Assistant at Beatty & Wozniak, P.O. Gas Onshore LP, and on or before April 24, 2014, caused a composited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, address B to the Application.	copy of the attached Application to
Jennifer F	the Ittenger
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of A	April, 2014.
Witness my hand and official seal.	
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