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

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APPLICATION

Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., Operator #100185, acting by and through its authorized agent, Encana Services Company, Ltd. ("Encana" 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 ("Commission" or "COGCC") for an order to establish an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M., for horizontal well development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. 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 has registered as an operator with the Commission.
 - 2. Applicant owns substantial leasehold interests in the below-listed lands:

Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M. Section 2: All

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 Cretaceous Age Formations from the base of the Dakota Formation to the surface. Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. On December 5, 2005, Rule 318A. was amended, among other things, 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, among other things, to address drilling of horizontal wells. The Application Lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
- 4. Applicant hereby requests the Commission establish the Application Lands as an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Codell and Niobrara Formations pursuant to Rule 503.b.(1) and §34-60-116(2), C.R.S. For the Application Lands, the proposed drilling unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the horizontal wells proposed to be drilled under this Application and completed in the Codell and Niobrara Formations.
- 5. Acting pursuant to §34-60-116(4), C.R.S., Applicant further requests it be authorized to drill and complete up to twenty-one (21) horizontal wells, with north/south wellbore orientations, in the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit proposed for the Application Lands, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, as necessary to economically and

efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and production, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.

- 6. Applicant states that, for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application, the treated intervals of the wellbore should be located not less than 460 feet from the proposed unit boundaries with an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 7. Applicant states that any horizontal wells to be drilled under this Application will be drilled from no more than three (3) multi-well pads on the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, without exception being granted by the Director.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Applicant requests that relief granted under this Application should be effective on oral order by the Commission, and Applicant hereby agrees to being bound by said oral order.
- 10. That the names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> 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. Establishing an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for the Application Lands, and authorizing the drilling of up to twenty-one (21) horizontal wells, with north/south wellbore orientations, within the proposed unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formations, with the treated intervals of the wellbore of any permitted wells to be located not less than 460 feet from the outer boundaries of the proposed unit and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of any well being drilled or producing from the Codell or Niobrara Formations, without exception being granted by the Director.
- B. Requiring that any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application should be drilled from no more than three (3) multi-well pads on the surface of the drilling unit, or on adjacent lands with consent of the landowner, without exception being granted by the Director.
- C. Providing that relief granted under this Application be effective on oral order by the Commission, relying on the Applicant's desire to be bound by said oral order.
- D. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this day of March, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. acting by and through its authorized agent, Encana Services Company, Ltd.

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VERIFICATION

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

Jack Croom, Senior Land Negotiator for Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., upon oath deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Application and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

> ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC. acting by and through its authorized agent, Encana Services Company, Ltd.

Jack Croom

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____day of March, 2015, by Jack Croom, Senior Land Negotiator for Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Witness my hand and official seal.

COURTNEY DIAFERIO
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID # 20134017782
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 18, 2017

Exhibit A Application Map Section 2, T1N R65W Weld County $^{\circ}$ T1N, R65W Application Lands -

EXHIBIT B

INTERESTED PARTIES

The names and addresses of the interested parties according to the information and belief of the Applicant are set forth in this <u>Exhibit B</u>.

Encana Oil& Gas (USA) Inc. 370 17th Street, Ste. 1700 Denver, CO 80202

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Emma L. Ireland - deceased

Roger G. Ireland - Deceased

Farmers Reservoir and Irrigation Company 80 S. 27th Ave. Brighton, CO 80601-2602 Beatty & Wozniak, P.C. 216 16th Street, Suite 1100 Denver, Colorado 80202

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY ENCANA OIL &) GAS (USA) INC. FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING AN) CAUSE NO. 407 APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT) FOR SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST,) OCKET NO. To be assigned FORMATIONS, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,) COLORADO)			
AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING			
STATE OF COLORADO)			
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER)			
Tracy Peterson, 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 Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc., and on or before March, 2015, caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit B to the Application.			
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Tracy Peterson			
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of March, 2015.			
Witness my hand and official seal.			
JENNIFER PITTENGER Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID 20134062771 My Commission Expires Sep 27, 2017			