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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC, FOR AN ORDER TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 640-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT FOR SECTIONS 10 AND 15, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE NIOBRARA FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO.

TYPE: POOLING

#### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC (Operator No. 8960) ("Bonanza" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, Burleson LLP, 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 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit, as defined below, for the drilling of the Pronghorn P-10-15XRLNB Well (API No. 05-123-39005) ("Well"), for the development of the Niobrara Formation on the following described lands:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

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Section 15: E½

640-acres, more or less, 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 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.

- 4. On November 29, 2010, the Commission entered Order No. 407-380, which among other things, approves the request for an order establishing twenty-one approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for various lands in Township 5 North, Ranges 61 and 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Township 6 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and allowing one horizontal well in each of the units, for the development of the Codell and Niobrara Formations. Order No. 407-380 does not affect this Application.
- 5. On May 29, 2012, the Commission entered Order No. 407-633, which among other things, approves the request for an order to allow one or more additional horizontal wells within each existing approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit, for certain lands in Township 5 North, Ranges 61 and 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-633 does not affect this Application.
- 6. On July 28, 2014, the Commission entered Order No. 407-1087, which among other things, the request for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for portions of the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Niobrara Formation. Order No. 407-1087 does not affect this Application.
- 7. Applicant designated the 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit 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.
- 8. 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 non-consenting interests, in the Application Lands in the Niobrara Formation underlying the following approximate 640-acre Wellbore Spacing Unit:

Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

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(throughout as "Wellbore Spacing Unit").

- 9. 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.
- 10. 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 503.e., and that at least thirty-five (35) 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 <u>Exhibit A</u>.

11. 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 non-consenting 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 September 2015, 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: July <u>/</u>5, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC

By:

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#### **VERIFICATION**

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

Caroline Heuring, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that she is a Landman, Rocky Mountain Region for Bonanza Creek 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.

Caroline Heuring

Landman, Rocky Mountain Region

Bonanza Creek Energy, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of July 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: \_

MATTHEW W. JONES
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID # 20134057901
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 13 2017

Notary Public

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### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage

STATE OF COLORADO	)
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER	)ss. )
	and being first duly sworn upon my oath,
state and declare that I am the attorn	ey for Bonanza Creek Energy Operating
Company LLC, and that on or before t	he 🂯 day of July 2015, I caused a copy

prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A to the Application.

Jamie L. Jost

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July 2015.

Witness my hand and official seal.

[SEAL]

My commission expires: June 24, 2018

Notary Public

RACHEL FLEMING

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 20144025048

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 24, 2018

## Exhibit A Pronghorn P-10-15XRLNB

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