

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

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY NOBLE ENERGY, INC. FOR AN ORDER POOLING ALL INTERESTS IN AN APPROXIMATE 711.92-ACRE DESIGNATED HORIZONTAL WELLBORE SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M. AND SECTIONS 25, 26, 35 AND 36, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST, 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., FOR THE DEVELOPMENT/OPERATION OF THE CODELL FORMATION, WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

CAUSE NO. 407

DOCKET NO. *To be assigned*

**APPLICATION**

Noble Energy, Inc., Operator No. 100322, ("Noble" 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 711.92-acre designated horizontal wellbore spacing unit established for certain portions of Sections 30 and 31, Township 6 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., for the development and operation of the Codell Formation. 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 6 North, Range 63 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 30: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 31: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 6 North, Range 64 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

Section 25: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 35: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 36: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$

Wellbore Spacing Unit ("WSU") No. 1

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 711.92-acre horizontal wellbore spacing unit, comprised of the Application Lands, for the below-described well, for the 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.(5). Applicant did not receive objections to the establishment of the proposed horizontal wellbore spacing units within the 30-day response period:

a. Wells Ranch State A36-686 Well (API No. 05-123-41510) – Codell Formation – WSU No. 1.

This well is hereinafter referred to as the “Subject Well.”

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, in WSU No. 1, established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation.

6. 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 §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.

7. 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 Subject Well, are made subject to the cost recovery provisions of §34-60-116(7), C.R.S., effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.

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 be bound by said oral order.

10. 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 B 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 WSU No. 1, established for the Application Lands, for the development and operation of the Codell Formation, with the pooling order made effective as of the earlier of the date of this Application, or the date that the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.

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 Subject 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, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date the costs specified in §34-60-116(7)(b), C.R.S. are first incurred for the drilling of the Subject Well.

C. For such other findings and orders as the Commission may deem proper or advisable in the premises.

DATED this 16 day of July, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

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## VERIFICATION

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

Charles A. Snure, Land Manager for Noble Energy, 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.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

Mark A. Evers

Charles A. Snure


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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by Charles A. Snure, Land Manager for Noble Energy, Inc.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: May 26, 2018

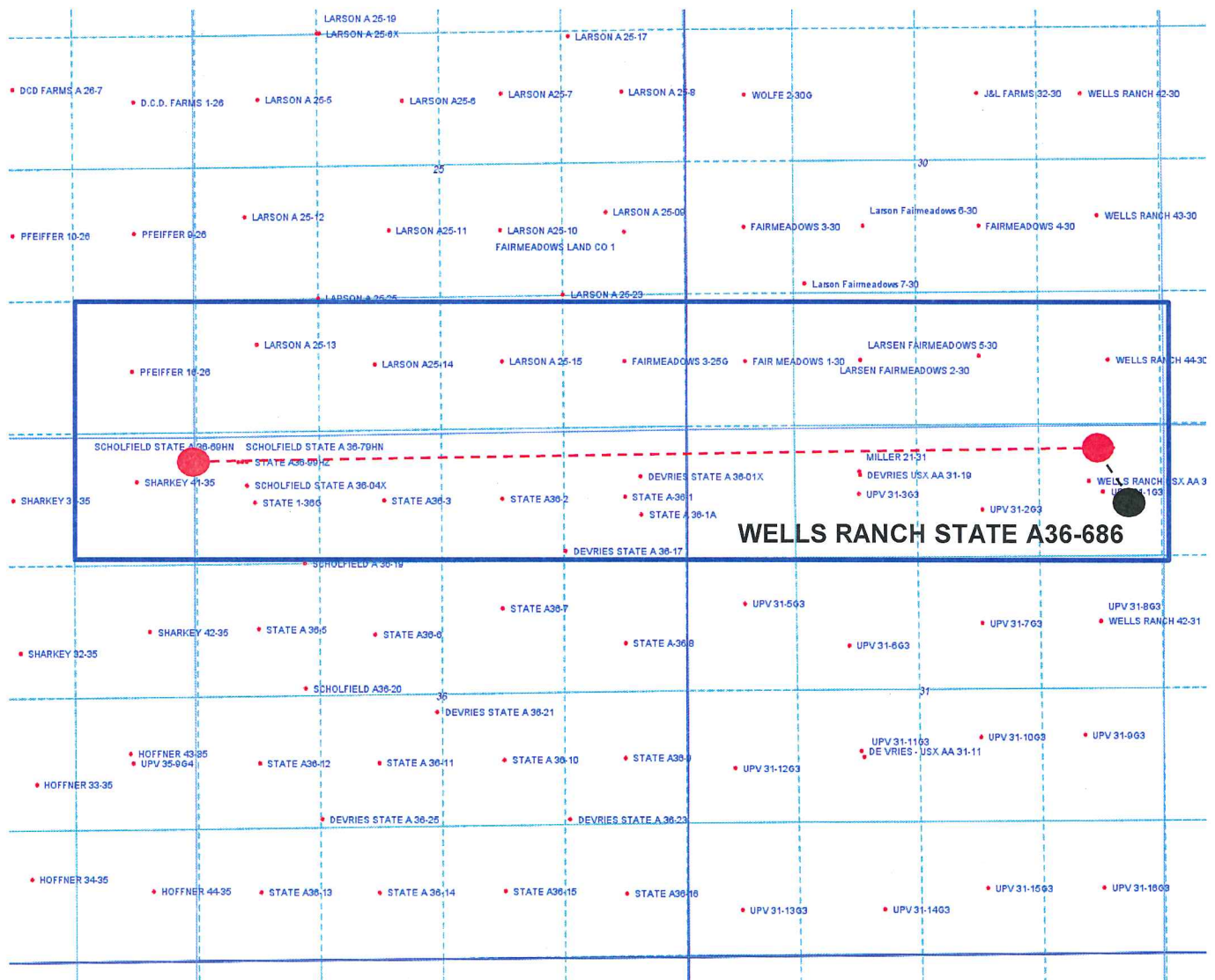


  
Notary Public

# Wells Ranch State A36-686

## Proposed Spacing Unit – Noble Energy, Inc

S/2S/2 Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 63 West  
N/2N/2 Section 31, Township 6 North, Range 63 West  
S/2S/2 Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 64 West  
SE/4SE/4 Section 26, Township 6 North, Range 64 West  
NE/4NE/4 Section 35, Township 6 North, Range 64 West  
N/2N/2 Section 36, Township 6 North, Range 64 West



### Legend



Proposed 711.92± acre spacing unit



Bottom Hole Location

## 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 Exhibit B.

Larson Farms, LLC  
29470 WCR 66  
Gill, CO 80624

Anadarko Land Corporation  
1099 18th Street, Suite 1800  
Denver, CO 80202

State of Colorado  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80203

William W. Carpenter  
9746 Lane Street  
Thornton, CO 80264-5956

Ward Carpenter  
275 North Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Jonathan M. Pfeiffer  
470 Birch Avenue  
Eaton, CO 80615

Oscar T. Carlson  
11120 Vermillion Rd.  
Longmont, CO 80504

Oscar T. Carlson Revocable Trust dated  
December 13, 1995, Oscar T. Carlson, Trustee  
11120 Vermillion Rd.  
Longmont, CO 80504

Heirs of Robert E. Carlson, Deceased  
No address found.

UNI Royalty Group, Ltd.  
PO Box 1959  
Parker, CO 80134

Bayswater Blenheim Holdings II, LLC  
730 17th Street  
Denver, CO 80202-3580

PDC Energy, Inc.  
1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000  
Denver, CO 80203

Thermo Cogeneration Partnership  
PO Box 33695  
Denver, CO 80233

Bayswater Exploration & Production, LLC  
730 17th Street, Suite 610  
Denver, CO 80202



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That she is a Legal Assistant at Beatty & Wozniak, P.C., attorneys for Noble Energy, Inc., and on or before July 23, 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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

**TERESA L. PETERSON**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**STATE OF COLORADO**  
 NOTARY ID: 18094002026  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 4, 2017

Luisa R. Peters  
Notary Public