

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ~~4th~~ ~~3rd~~ ~~2ND~~
AMENDED APPLICATION OF BISON OIL &
GAS II, LLC FOR AN ORDER (1)
ESTABLISHING AN APPROXIMATE ~~800-~~
~~ACRE~~ 960-ACRE DRILLING AND SPACING
UNIT AND (2) APPROVING TEN
HORIZONTAL WELLS WITHIN THE UNIT
WITH WELL LOCATION RULES
APPLICABLE TO THE DRILLING OF WELLS
AND PRODUCING OF OIL, GAS, AND
ASSOCIATED HYDROCARBONS FROM THE
NIOBRARA AND ~~CODELL~~ FORMATIONS
COVERING THE ~~SE¼S½~~ OF SECTION 12
AND ALL OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 5
NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST, 6TH P.M.,
WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY,
COLORADO.

Cause No. 407

Docket No. 190700486

Type: SPACING

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND APPLICATION TO INCLUDE A RULE 503.a. MAP

Bison Oil & Gas II, LLC (“Applicant”), Operator No. 10661, through its attorneys, Polsinelli PC, respectfully submits this Motion for Leave to Amend Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”) to include Rule 503.a conforming map and in support of its 4th AMENDED Application, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company duly authorized to conduct business in Colorado and is a registered operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. On April 9, 2019, Applicant filed with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“Commission”). The Application was initially filed for an order vacating an approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 407-702 for Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and establishing an approximate 800-acre drilling and spacing unit for the SE¼ of Section 12 and all of Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and approving up to ten horizontal wells within the unit, with well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara and Codell Formations.
3. Bonanza Creek Energy Operating Company LLC filed its protest on July 1, 2019.
4. Recently, Applicant and Bonanza resolved the issues involving Bonanza’s protest to Applicant’s Application and Bonanza withdrew its protest related to this docket.

As part of the Operator Letter Agreement for Contested Spacing Matters dated February 24, 2020 (“Letter Agreement”), Applicant agreed to amend its application to add the W½ of section 12, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

5. In compliance with the terms of the Letter Agreement, Applicant moved to amend the application and now seeks an Order (1) establishing an approximate 960-acre drilling and spacing unit for the S½ of Section 12 and all of Section 13, Township 5 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M., and (2) approving up to ten horizontal wells within the unit, with well location rules applicable to the drilling of wells and producing of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

6. Applicant also agreed to file a 2nd Amended Application Lands to the following lands:

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

Section 12: S½

Section 13: All

Weld County, Colorado

**Nearby Public Crossroads: WCR 52 & WCR 97
approximately 2 miles SE of proposed surface location**

7. On April 30, 2020, Applicant its motion for leave to amend the 1st application which was granted and its 2nd Amended Application was deemed submitted.

8. On June 3, 2020, the Commission through its Permitting Group Review provided comments to the 2nd Amended Application and recommended certain revisions to the applications.

9. In response, Applicant also amended its 2nd amended application and submitted its 3rd amended application on June 25, 2020, to address the Commission’s concerning and include the crossroads pursuant to Commission Rule 503.a. and related map; list of the Form 2 Applications for Permit to Drill filed with the Commission to be listed; correct of a well name pursuant to a sundry name change; list the Form 2A Oil and Gas Location Assessment document number for the Harold Family Trust 5-61 and indicate use; confirm compliance with C.R.S. §34-60-116.1(1)(b) related to local government jurisdiction, siting disposition, and protections from C.R.S. § 34-60-106(2.5); confirm compliance with C.R.S. §106(2.5)(a); include a statement demonstrating that the sworn testimony demonstrates that Applicant owns or has secured more than 45% of the mineral ownership interest within the Application Lands and plans to apply for statutory pooling application; and Applicant intends to drill its wells in a South-North orientation.

10. On July 15, 2020, the Commission’s Permitting Review Group provided Applicant with its summary of the 3rd Amended Spacing Application requesting a map pursuant to Rule 503.a., requesting that we note that the wells were being drilled in a South to North direction.

11. On August 7, 2020, Applicant submitted its revisions to its application and submitted its 4th Amended Application accompanied by an Access Road Map filed with the Form 2A for the Harold Family Trust Pad.

12. On August 13, 2020, the COGCC permitting review team advised that a map conforming with Rule 503.a needed to be included and provided a Rule 503.a. Map Guidance document to counsel dated August 11. 2020.

13. Applicant now seeks to amend its 4th Amended Application by resubmitting it and including a Rule 503.a. conforming map in accordance with the guidance provided by the Commission and Rule 503.a.

14. The suggested amendments to the application by including a map should be immaterial and should not prejudice any party.

15. By revising the Application Lands some of the Interested Parties of the initial application will be removed and no interest parties will be added.

16. Good cause exists for this relief, and it is appropriate per Commission Rule 503 because Notice pursuant to Commission Rule 507 has not occurred.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this motion be granted and Applicant be allowed to amend the 4th amended application by including a Rule 503.a. map.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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(PROPOSED) ORDER ON APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND APPLICATION

This matter is before the Commission on the Applicant's Motion for Leave to Amend Application. The Commission having reviewed the Motion hereby GRANTS to Motion for Leave to Amend Application and accepts the attached 4th Amended Application as submitted.

DATED:

Commission