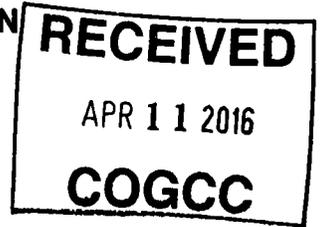




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**APPLICATION / AMENDED APP(S)**  
**& Supporting Docs**

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



IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SANDRIDGE EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL FOUR (4) HORIZONTAL WELLS FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT (8) HORIZONTAL WELLS IN THE EXISTING DRILLING AND SPACING UNIT ESTABLISHED BY ORDER NO. 531-18 FOR PRODUCTION FROM THE NIOBRARA FORMATION FOR SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 80 WEST, 6TH P.M., JACKSON COUNTY, COLORADO

Cause No. 531

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Docket No. To be assigned

**APPLICATION**

SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC, Operator No. 10598 ("SandRidge" 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 authorizing an additional four (4) horizontal wells, for a total of eight (8) horizontal wells, in the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-18, for production from the Niobrara Formation for Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company 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 8 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 31: All

Jackson County, Colorado.

The above-referenced lands are referred to hereinafter as the "Application Lands." A map depicting the Application Lands is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

3. Rule 318.a. of the Commission Rules provides a well to be drilled 2,500 feet or greater shall be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and shall be located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply, unless authorized by the Commission upon hearing.

4. On or about May 18, 2015, the Commission entered Order No. 531-18 which, among other things, established four 640-acre drilling and spacing units for

various lands, including the Application Lands, and approved up to four horizontal wells within each unit, and allowed productive intervals of the wellbores on less than 300 feet from the unit boundaries and the interwell setback of no less than 150 feet from the productive interval of another well producing from the Niobrara Formation.

5. Pursuant to § 34-60-116(4), C.R.S., Applicant requests that an additional four (4) horizontal wells, for a total of eight (8) horizontal wells, be authorized within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-18 for the Application Lands for production from the Niobrara Formation, in order to economically and efficiently recover resources, while minimizing surface impacts, creating efficiencies for drilling and producing, increasing the ultimate recovery of the reserves, preventing waste, and protecting correlative rights.

6. Applicant states that, consistent with Order No. 531-18, Applicant certifies that Applicant will comply with the setbacks established in Order No. 531-18, and that for any permitted wells to be drilled under this Application for production from the Niobrara Formation, the treated intervals of the wellbores shall not be less than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, with an inter-well setback of not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of a well producing from the same formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

7. Applicant states that any horizontal well to be drilled under the Application will be drilled from 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. 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. Authorizing an additional four (4) horizontal wells, for a total of eight (8) horizontal wells within the existing drilling and spacing unit established by Order No. 531-18 for the Application Lands for production from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated intervals of the wellbores of any permitted wells to be consistent with Oder No. 531-18, being located not less than 300 feet from the unit boundaries, and not less than 150 feet from the treated interval of any well being drilled or producing from the same formation, without exception being granted by the Director.

B. 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.

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

DATED this 7 day of April, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

**SANDRIDGE EXPLORATION &  
PRODUCTION LLC**

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA        )

Richard Silman, Landman for SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC, 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.

SANDRIDGE EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC



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Richard Silman  
Landman

Subscribed and sworn before me this 7 day of April, 2016, by Richard Silman, Landman for SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC.

Witness my hand and official seal.

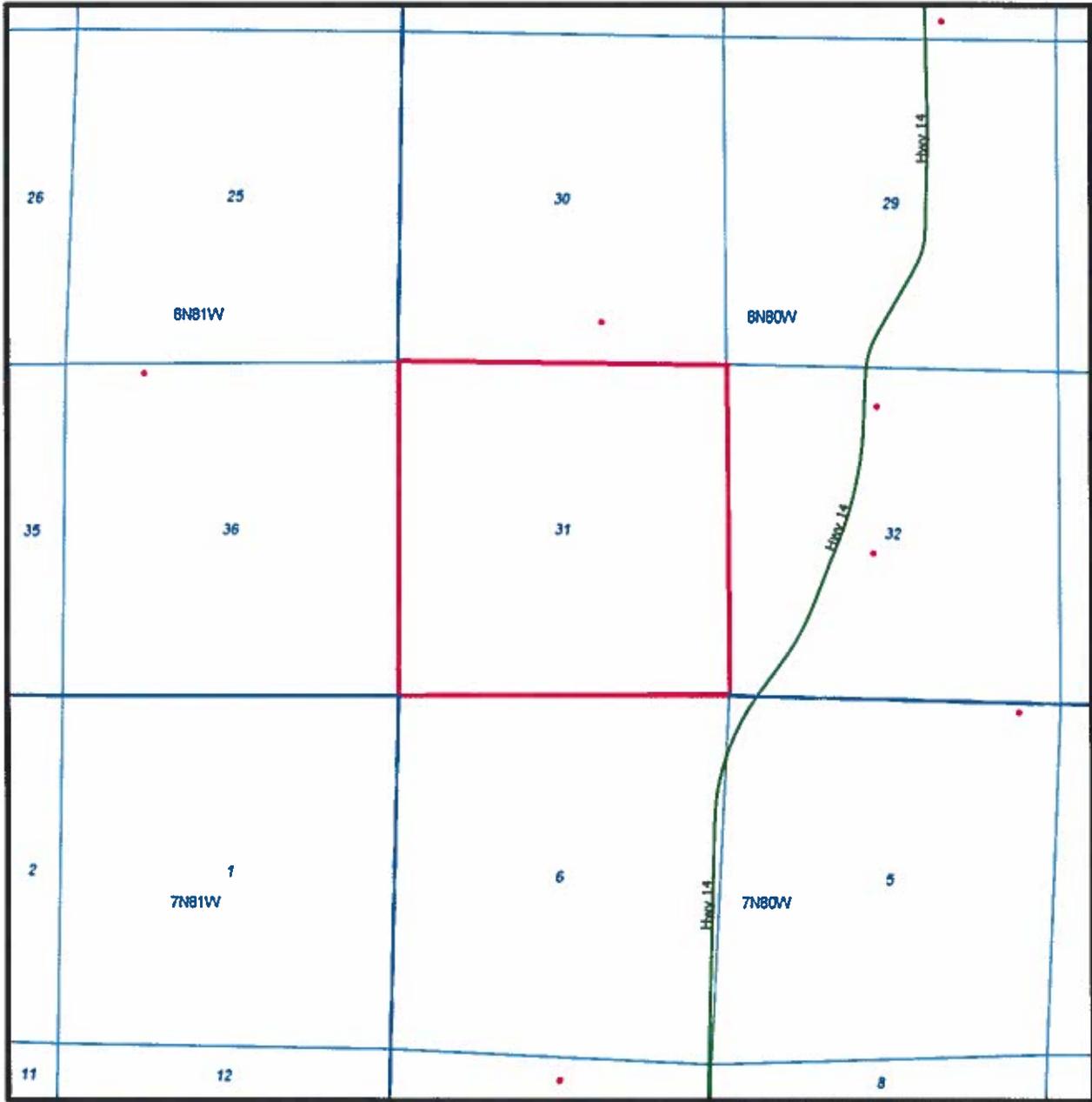
My commission expires: 8/13/18

Emily Rains  
NOTARY PUBLIC



Exhibit A  
Reference Map of the Application Lands

Township 8 North, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.  
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AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

**ORIGINAL**

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

Jillian Fulcher of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon her oath, states and declares:

That she is an attorney for SandRidge Exploration & Production LLC, that on or before the 13th day of April, 2016, he 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 attached hereto.

  
Jillian Fulcher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: April 20, 2020

  
Notary Public

MARTHA A. LAIR  
Notary Public  
State of Colorado  
20044012086  
My Commission Expires April 16, 2020

Exhibit B

Interested Parties

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