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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE BRUSH CREEK FIELD, MESA COUNTY, COLORADO CAUSE NO. 429

DOCKET NO. 0806-AW-14

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On May 18, 1981, the Commission issued Order No. 371-1, which among other things, established 160-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas from the Mesaverde Formation for certain lands, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 660 feet from the boundaries of the unit, including Section 20, Township 9 South, Ranges 94 West, 6th P.M.

On November 27, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 429-5, which among other things, allowed the equivalent of one well per 10 acres to be optionally drilled for the production of gas from the Mesaverde Formation (including the Cozzette-Corcoran Sandstones) for certain lands in Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M., with the permitted well to be located no closer that 100 feet from lease lines, unless 10-acre density has not been granted, whereby wells shall be located no closer that 200 feet from lease lines.

On April 21, 2008, Plains Exploration & Production Co., by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to vacate the 160-acre drilling and spacing unit established in Order No. 371-1 for Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 94 West, 6th P.M. and to extend the provisions of Order No. 429-5 to allow the equivalent of one well per 10 acres, with the permitted well to be located no closer than 100 feet from the lease line for the SE¼ NE¼ of said Section 20, for production of oil and associated hydrocarbons from the Mesaverde Formation (including the Cozzette-Corcoran Sandstones).

In cases where 10-acre density has not been granted, the permitted well shall be located no closer than 200 feet from lease lines abutting or cornering such lands. No more than four (4) Mesaverde Formation wells may be drilled on the application lands per governmental quarter quarter section, either vertically or directionally, with no more than one pad per quarter quarter section unless the Director grants exception.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

- Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 Wednesday, June 11, 2008
- Time: 8:30 a.m.
- Place: Two Rivers Convention Center 159 Main Street, *Colorado River Room* Grand Junction, CO 81501

Directions: <u>http://www.tworiversconvention.com/</u>

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than May 27, 2008, briefly stating the

basis of the protest or intervention. Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and 13 copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of May 27, 2008. Pursuant to Rule 503.f., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules. In accordance with the practices of the Commission, should no protests or interventions be filed in this matter by May 27, 2008, <u>the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of May 27, 2008</u>. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511.b., if the matter is uncontested, the applicant may request, and the Director may recommend approval on the basis of the merits of the verified application and the supporting exhibits.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By___

Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 May 12, 2008 Attorneys for Applicant: Scott M. Campbell/Nick A. Swartzendruber Poulson, Odell & Peterson, LLC 1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1400 Denver, CO 80203 (303) 861-4400