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

| IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND  | ) | CAUSE NO. 10          |
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| ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN | ) |                       |
| OPERATIONS IN THE KEOTA FIELD, WELD    | ) | DOCKET NO. 1010-SP-30 |
| COUNTY, COLORADO                       | ) |                       |

## NOTICE OF HEARING

## TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Rule 318.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission requires that wells drilled in excess of 2,500 feet in depth be located not less than 600 feet from any lease line, and located not less than 1,200 feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same common source of supply. Sections 4 and 9 in Township 9 North, Range 61 West 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., are subject to this Rule.

On September 1, 2010, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Applicant"), by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application to establish an approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the below-listed lands ("Application Lands") for the drilling of exploratory horizontal wells in the Niobrara Formation:

Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.

Sections 4 and 9: All

Weld County, Colorado

Applicant proposes that the following setback rules would apply to the horizontal wells drilled into the Niobrara Formation:

That the surface location may be located anywhere on the Application Lands;

That the lateral within the Niobrara Formation shall not be closer than 600 feet from any section line of the Application Lands; and

That the lateral within the Niobrara Formation shall be located not closer than 300 feet from any other wellbore on the Application Lands that has penetrated the Niobrara Formation.

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: Thursday, October 21, 2010

Friday, October 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: West Garfield Campus, Colorado Mountain College

3695 Airport Road Rifle, Colorado 81650

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. 5139, 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 October 6, 2010, 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 October 11, 2010. Pursuant to Rule 503.g., 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 October 6, 2010, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of October 11, 2010. In the alternative, pursuant to Rule 511., 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

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|     | Carol Harmon, Secretary |

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 September 27, 2010

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