

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND)	CAUSE NO. 407 & 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO)	
GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE WATTENBRG)	DOCKET NO. 1112-SP-159
FIELD AND AN UNNAMED FIELD, WELD)	
COUNTY, COLORADO		

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On December 19, 1983, the Commission issued Order No. 407-1 (amended on March 29, 2000 in accordance with Order No. 407-17, entered November 18, 1985), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell Formation underlying certain lands, with the drilling and spacing unit to be designated by the operator drilling the first well in the quarter section, (or the Director, if the operator fails to designate). The permitted well shall be located in the center of either 40-acre tract within the drilling and spacing unit with a tolerance of 200 feet in any direction. The operator shall have the option to drill an additional well on the undrilled 40-acre tract in each 80-acre drilling and spacing unit. The following lands are subject to this Order:

Township 1 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 12: All

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 13 and Section 24: All

On February 19, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 407-87 (amended August 20, 1993), which among other things, established 80-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of oil and/or gas from the Codell and Niobrara Formations underlying certain lands. The below-described lands are subject to this Order, with the permitted well locations in accordance with the provisions of Order No. 407-1. The following lands are subject to this Order:

Township 1 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 12: All

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 13 and Section 24: All

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. The following lands are unspaced as to the Niobrara Formation and are subject to this Rule:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Sections: 1, 2, 5 and 11

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.
Section 19

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. Pursuant to Rule 318A.j., Rule 318A. supersedes all prior Commission drilling and spacing orders affecting well location and density requirements of Greater Wattenberg Area wells. Rule 318A.d. provides that an operator may allocate production to any drilling and spacing unit with respect to a particular Cretaceous Age Formation consistent with the provisions of Rule 318A. The below-described lands are subject to Rule 318A., for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Codell and Niobrara Formation:

Township 1 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 12

Township 2 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 27 and 34

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 13 and 24

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 31

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 21

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 11

On October 13, 2011, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified amended application ("Application") for an order to establish: 1) three approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 2 and 11

Township 2 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 27 and 34

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 13 and 24;

2) seven approximate 640-acre drilling units for the below-listed Application Lands:

Township 11 North, Range 58 West, 6th P.M.
Section 19

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6th P.M.
Sections 1 and 5

Township 6 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 31

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6th P.M.
Section 21

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.
Section 11

Township 1 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 12;

collectively, ("Application Lands"); and 3) approve one horizontal well within each unit, regardless of lease lines within the unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the surface location of the permitted well to be located on the surface anywhere within the proposed unit and the treated interval of the wellbore for the permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries, for lands subject to Rule 318.a., and no closer than 460 feet from the unit boundaries for lands subject to Rule 318A, without exception being granted by the Director. The Application will not modify 80-acre spacing under Order No. 407-1 and Order No. 407-87 for vertical wells for the following lands within the Application Lands:

Township 1 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 12: All

Township 2 North, Range 64 West, 6th P.M.
Section 13 and Section 24: All

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: Monday, December 12, 2011
Time: 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Place: Weld County Administration Building
1150 O Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631

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 November 23, 2011, 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 beginning November 23, 2011.** 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 **November 23, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning November 23, 2011.** 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

By 
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