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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND	)	CAUSE NO. 535
ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN	j ,	
OPERATIONS IN AN UNNAMED FIELD,	j	) DOCKET NO. 1201-UP-19
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO	j	

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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

On August 8, 2011 the Commission entered Order No. 535-51, which among other things, established one approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands, including Section 6, Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorized one horizontal well within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

On September 19, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 535-69, which among other things, established one approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit for certain lands, including Section 31, Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and authorized up to two horizontal wells within the unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

On November 23, 2011, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application ("Application") for an order to pool all interests in an approximate 1280-acre drilling and spacing unit for the below-listed lands ("Application Lands"), for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, effective as of the earlier of the date of the Application, or the date that any of the costs specified in C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7)(b)(II) were first incurred for the drilling of the well, and to subject any nonconsenting interests to the cost recovery provisions of C.R.S. § 34-60-116(7):

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 6: All

Township 8 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Section 31: 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, January 23, 2012

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: COGCC Offices

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801 Denver, Colorado 80203

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 January 6, 2012, 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 January 6, 2012. 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 January 6, 2012, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled beginning January 6, 2012. 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

Peter J. Gowen, Acting Secretary

Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 December 16, 2011

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