

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 )  
OPERATIONS IN AN UNNAMED FIELD, WELD COUNTY, ) DOCKET NO. 1106-SP-52  
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. The below-listed lands are subject to this Rule for the Niobrara Formation:

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 4, 10 and 17

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 1, 6, 8, and 12

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 3, 4 and 10

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

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 4, 13, 14, 15, 22, and 23

Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 17 and 18

On February 22, 2011, the Commission issued Order No. 535-3, which among other things, established approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for certain lands, including Section 24, Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and approved of one horizontal well in each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation.

On April 27, 2011, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental" or "Applicant"), by its attorneys, filed with the Commission a verified application (the "Application") for an order to: (1) vacate the approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing unit established for Section 24, Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.; (2) establish six approximate 1,280-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, and approve one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore for any permitted well to be no closer than 600 feet from the unit boundaries without exception being granted by the Director; and (3) establish eight approximate 640-acre drilling and spacing units for the below-listed lands, and approve one horizontal well within each unit, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara Formation, with the treated interval of the wellbore in each case to be no closer than 600 feet from the proposed drilling and spacing unit boundaries without exception being granted by the Director:

1,280-Acre Drilling and Spacing Units

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 13 and 24

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 14 and 23

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 15 and 22

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 3 and 10

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

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

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 1 and 12

640 Acre Drilling and Spacing Units

Township 7 North, Range 60 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 4, 10 and 17

Township 7 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 8

Township 7 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 4

Township 8 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 4

Township 9 North, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Sections 17 and 18

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, June 27, 2011  
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Elbert County Fairgrounds  
Ag Building  
95 Ute Avenue  
Kiowa, CO 80117

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 June 13, 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 during the week of June 13, 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 **June 13, 2011, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled during the week of June 13, 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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Dated at Suite 801  
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