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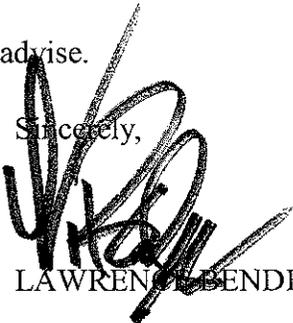
Mr. Fred Steece
Supervisor
Department of Environment and
Natural Resources
2050 West Main, Suite #1
Rapid City, SD 57701

**RE: APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL
RESOURCES, INC.
SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 21
NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, BUFFALO
FIELD, HARDING COUNTY,
SOUTH DAKOTA**

Dear Mr. Steece:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing a PETITION AND APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. to be placed on the July 14/15, 2010 hearing schedule.

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Canon - (w/enc.) *Via Email*

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN
ORDER OF THE BOARD AMENDING ANY
FIELD ORDERS OR SPACING RULES;
AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING,
COMPLETING AND PRODUCING OF AN
INCREASE DENSITY WELL ON A 640-ACRE
SPACING UNIT FOR THE BUFFALO FIELD
DESCRIBED AS SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 21
NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HARDING COUNTY,
SOUTH DAKOTA; AND/OR SUCH FURTHER
AND ADDITIONAL RELIEF AS THE BOARD
DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

Case

10-2010

PETITION AND APPLICATION
OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, Continental Resources, Inc. ("Continental") and for
its petition and application states and alleges as follows:

1.

That Continental is the operator of the Graves #12-13 well located in the Southeast Quarter of
the Northwest Quarter (SE/4NW/4) of Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Harding
County, South Dakota.

2.

That the Graves #12-13 well produces from the "B" zone of the Red River formation in the
Buffalo Field. All of Section 13 constitutes the spacing unit for the Graves #12-13 well in the "B"
zone of the Red River formation in the Buffalo Field.

3.

That Continental is desirous of drilling and completing another well in the "B" zone of the Red River formation in the Buffalo Field and allow the same to produce as an increase density well on the spacing unit for the Graves #12-13 well.

4.

That it is the opinion of Continental that use of the horizontal drilling technique to test and further develop the "B" zone of the Red River Formation will increase the ultimate recovery of the reservoir in a manner which will prevent waste, protect correlative rights and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells.

5.

That Continental requests an order of the Board amending any field orders or spacing rules; authorizing the drilling, completing and producing of an increase density well on a 640-acre spacing unit for the Buffalo Field described as Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Harding County, South Dakota, and/or such further and additional relief as the Board deems appropriate.

6.

That the legal authority and jurisdiction under which a hearing would be held and the particular statutes and rules involved are S.D.C.L. Ch. 1-26, S.D.C.L. Ch. 45-9 and A.R.S.D. Ch. 74:09:01 and A.R.S.D. Ch. 74:10:03.

WHEREFORE, Continental respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing and that thereafter the Board of Minerals and Environment grant the following:

- a. That all applicable orders or rules of the Board be amended authorizing the drilling, completing and producing of an increase density well on a 640-acre spacing unit for

the Buffalo Field described as Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Harding County, South Dakota;

- b. That a directional drilling permit for the horizontal well proposed herein be issued as provided by the rules and regulations of the Board; and
- c. That Continental be granted such further and additional relief as the Board deems appropriate.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2010.

Frederikson & Byron, P.A.

By 

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE BOARD AMENDING ANY FIELD ORDERS OR SPACING RULES; AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING, COMPLETING AND PRODUCING OF AN INCREASE DENSITY WELL ON A 640-ACRE SPACING UNIT FOR THE BUFFALO FIELD DESCRIBED AS SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA; AND FOR OTHER RELIEF THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

NOTICE
OF
HEARING

CASE NO. 10-2010

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Minerals and Environment will hold a contested case hearing on the above described matter on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at 10:15 a.m. CDT in the Matthew Environmental Education and Training Center, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501. The case involves oil and gas interests in the following land: all of Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Buffalo Field, Harding County, South Dakota.

The board has jurisdiction and legal authority to issue orders for the development of the oil and gas resources of the state pursuant to South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) Chapter 45-9 and Chapter 1-26 and further pursuant to Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:09 and 74:10. The hearing is an adversary proceeding and any party has the right to be represented by a lawyer. These and other due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing. The board may approve, conditionally approve, or deny the application. The board's decision will be based upon the evidence received at the hearing. The board's decision may be appealed to the Circuit Court and the State Supreme Court as provided by law.

If the amount in controversy exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars or if a property right may be terminated, any party to the contested case may require the agency to use the Office of Hearing Examiners by giving notice of the request to the agency no later than ten days after service of a notice of hearing issued pursuant to SDCL 1-26-17.

Any person who wishes to intervene in this proceeding as a party must file a petition to intervene pursuant to ARSD 74:09:01:04 on or before July 6, 2010.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing by calling the telephone number listed below.

The applicant's petition and notice of hearing are also posted on the department's website at: <http://denr.sd.gov/des/og/oghome.aspx>. Additional information about this petition is available from Fred V. Steece, Oil and Gas Supervisor, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 2050 West Main Street, Suite #1, Rapid City, SD 57702, telephone 605.394.2229, email fred.steece@state.sd.us.

Dated: May 18, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Pirner', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven M. Pirner
Secretary

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