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Ms. Jenny Hegg
Department of Environment and
Natural Resources
2050 West Main, Suite #1
Rapid City, SD 57701

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

RE: CASE NO. 58-2013: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER OF THE BOARD AMENDING BOARD ORDER NOS. 6-83 AND 13-97 SO AS TO AMEND THE FIELD RULES FOR THE TABLE MOUNTAIN FIELD AND ESTABLISH A 1700-ACRE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF SECTIONS 23, 26 AND 35, TOWNSHIP 23 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, TABLE MOUNTAIN FIELD, HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA; AND ALLOW THE DRILLING OF ONE HORIZONTAL WELL TO THE RED RIVER "B" POOL ON SAID SPACING UNIT NOT LESS THAN 500 FEET TO THE SPACING UNIT BOUNDARY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF AS THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

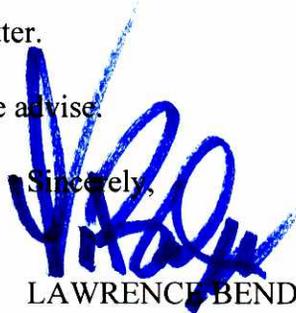
Dear Ms. Hegg:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing a PETITION AND APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. for consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

If you should have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT

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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 owner of an interest in the oil and gas leasehold estate in portions of the following described lands, Harding County, South Dakota:

Township 23 North, Range 3 East

Section 23: All

Section 26: All

Section 35: All

(the "Subject Lands")

2.

By Order Nos. 6-83, 13-97, 12-08, 13-08, 5-10 and 33-13 the Table Mountain Field is comprised of the following described lands, Harding County, South Dakota:

Township 22 North, Range 2 East

Section 24: E/2

Township 22 North, Range 3 East

Section 1: All

Section 2: All

Section 3: All

Section 4: All

Section 9: All

Section 10: All

Section 11: All

Section 12: All

Section 14: All

Section 15: All

Section 16: All

Section 17: All

Section 18: All

Section 19: All

Section 20: All

Section 21: All

Section 22: All

Section 23: All

Section 29: All

Section 30: All

Section 32: All

Township 23 North, Range 3 East

Section 25: All

Section 26: All

Section 35: All

Section 36: All

Township 23 North, Range 4 East

Section 30: NW/4

3.

That Continental desires to utilize the horizontal drilling technique to test and further develop the "B" zone of the Red River Formation, in and under the Subject Lands.

4.

That in utilizing the horizontal drilling technique, it is reasonably necessary to have a certain amount of flexibility with respect to well locations that the current orders and rules of the Board fail to provide.

5.

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.

6.

That Continental requests an order of the Board amending Board Order Nos. 6-83 and 13-97 to amend the field rules for the Table Mountain Field and establish a 1700-acre spacing unit comprised of Sections 23, 26 and 35, Township 23 North, Range 3 East, Table Mountain Field, Harding County, South Dakota; and allow the drilling of one horizontal well to the Red River "B" pool on said spacing unit not less than 500 feet to the spacing unit boundary and for other relief as the Board deems appropriate.

7.

That the legal authority and jurisdiction under which a hearing would be held and the particular statutes and rules involved are SDCL Ch. 1-26, SDCL Ch. 45-9 and ARSD Ch. 74:09:01 and ARSD Ch. 74:12:02.

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 Board Order Nos. 6-83, 13-97, and any applicable orders or rules of the Board be amended so as to establish Sections 23, 26 and 35, Township 23 North, Range 3 East, Table Mountain Field, Harding County, South Dakota, as a 1700-acre spacing unit in the Table Mountain Field, Harding County, South Dakota, and allow the drilling of one horizontal well not less than 500 feet to the spacing unit boundary for said spacing unit;
- b. That the boundaries of the Table Mountain Field be expanded to encompass Sections 23, 26 and 35, Township 23 North, Range 3 East, Table Mountain Field, Harding County, South Dakota.
- c. That the Board authorize the issuance of a drilling permit for the horizontal well requested upon receipt of an appropriate application as provided by the rules and regulations of the Board; and

d. That Continental be granted other relief as the Board deems appropriate.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2013.

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