

Publisher's Affidavit STATE OF COLORADO

I, Al Slatery, of the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, being duly sworn, upon oath say that I am the Publishing Director of The Daily Journal; that I have personal knowledge of all the facts set forth in this affidavit; that said The Daily Journal is a public newspaper of general circulation having its principal office and place of business situated in said City and County of Denver; that said The Daily Journal is printed and published daily except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays; that said The Daily Journal is a daily newspaper within the meaning of the act of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, approved April 7, 1921, and entitled, "An Act Concerning Legal Notices, Advertisements and Publications, and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof, and to Repeal All Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict with the Provisions of This Act" and as amended by an act of said General Assembly, entitled "An Act to Amend An Act Entitled 'An Act Concerning Legal Notices, Advertisements and Publications and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof and to Repeal All Acts and Parts of Acts in Conflict with the Provisions of This Act,'" approved March 30, 1923, and as amended by an act of said General Assembly, approved May 18, 1931, entitled, "An Act to Amend Section 4 of Chapter 139, Session Laws of Colorado, 1923, Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements," which said Act took effect on and after the first day of January, 1932, and as amended by an act of said General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to Amend Chapter 139 of the Session Laws of Colorado, 1923, Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements; to Define Newspapers Qualified to Publish Legal Notices and Advertisements and the Fees of Printers and Publishers Thereof, and to Provide That the Costs of Such Legal Notices and Advertisements Shall Be Taxed as Fees," approved March 5, 1935; and as amended by an act of said General Assembly entitled, "An Act Relating to Legal Notices and Advertisements, and Amending Section 1, of Chapter 113, Session Laws of Colorado, 1931," approved March 25, 1935; and "An Act to Amend and as Amended by the General Assembly, concerning 'Rates for Legal Publications,' 109-1-7 C.R.S. 1963 as amended, approved May 22, 1971, and effective January 1, 1972," that said newspaper had, prior to January 1, 1936, and has ever since said date, been admitted to the United States Mails as second class matter under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1879, or any amendments thereof; that said newspaper is printed and published in whole in said City and County of Denver and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been so printed and published as a public daily newspaper of general circulation in said City and County of Denver, uninterruptedly and continuously during the period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first issue thereof containing the annexed legal notice and advertisement; that said legal notice and advertisement was published daily except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays in the regular edition of said newspaper for one day, that the publication of said legal notice and advertisement appeared in the regular

edition of said newspaper on the 20th day of June, A.D. 2002, and that therefore, said legal notice and advertisement was duly published in a newspaper duly qualified for that purpose within the meaning of said above-mentioned acts of the General Assembly of the State of Colorado.

Subscribed and sworn to, at the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, before me, a Notary Public, this 27th day of June, A.D. 2002. Witness my hand and notarial seal. Richard A. Die Notary Public

My Commission Expires January 5, 2003

2000 S. Colorado Boulevard, Tower 1, #2000 Denver, Colorado 80222

NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO CAUSE NOS. 232 and 499 DOCKET NO. 0207-SP-09

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES TO GOVERN OPERATING IN THE WATTENBERG GAS SPACED AREA AND THE WATTENBERG FIELD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

On November 17, 1970, the Commission issued Order No. 232-3 which established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the "J" Sand Formation in the Wattenberg Gas Spaced Area with one well allowed for each unit to be located in the NE1/4 and SW1/4 of each governmental section and to be located no closer than 990 feet to the boundaries of the quarter section upon which it is located. On August 21, 1979, the Commission issued Order No. 232-23 which allowed a second well to be drilled on each 320-acre unit including the N1/2 of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., which has been designated as a unit. On November 6, 1992, the Commission issued Order No. 499-15 which established 320-acre drilling and spacing units for the production of gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Dakota Formation under said lands including the N1/2 of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M., which has been designated as a unit.

On March 11, 1992, United States Exploration, Inc., by its attorney, filed with the Commission a verified application for an order to amend Order No. 232-3 and Order No. 499-15 to allow the 320-acre drilling and spacing unit consisting of the N1/2 of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. to be segregated into 160-acre drilling and spacing units consisting of the NE1/4 and the NW1/4 of Section 9, for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the "J" Sand and Dakota Formations underlying said lands. No wells have been drilled and completed in the N1/2 of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 63 West, 6th P.M. for production from the "J" Sand or Dakota Formations.

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, July 15, 2002 Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Suite 801, The Chancery Building 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, CO 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 Shannon Halliwell at (303) 894-2100 ext. 114, 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 July 1, 2002, 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 nine (9) copies shall be filed with the Commission (Rule 503.f). Pursuant to Rule 503.e., 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 July 1, 2002, the Applicant may request that an administrative hearing be scheduled for the week of July 1, 2002.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO By Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary Dated at Suite 801 1120 Lincoln Street Denver, Colorado 80203 June 7, 2002 Attorney for Applicant: Peter A. Bjork Bjork, Lindley, Danielson & Little, P.C. 1600 Stout Street, Suite 1400 Denver, CO 80202 Published 6/20/02 - it in The Daily Journal 383

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