

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company

DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL
DOCKET NO. VGOB 89-0126-0009-15

RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION OF NORA COALBED GAS UNIT NOS.: BQ-55, BQ-56, BR-55, BR-56, BR-57, BR-58, BR-59, BR-60, BS-55, BS-56, BS-57, BS-58, BT-55, BT-56, BU-56.

AFFECTED UNITS: (See Attached Exhibit A)

APPLICATION

1. Applicant and its counsel: Applicant is Equitable Production Company 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, (800) 926-1759. Applicant's Counsel is James E. Kaiser 220 Broad Street, Suite 202, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 578-3838.

2. Relief sought: (1) Modification of the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Rules, to allow more than one coalbed gas well to be drilled within each of the 58.77 acre Nora Units identified above. (2) For an administrative order providing that additional well permits may be issued in the Nora Field after this application is filed and while it is pending.

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9. **Plat:** See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

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11. **Attestation:** The foregoing application to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.

Equitable Production Company

By: _____

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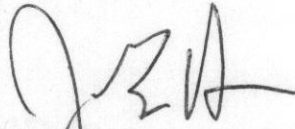
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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF DICKENSON**

I, James E. Kaiser, after being duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am responsible for the notification process required by VA. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2 § 4.
2. That Equitable Production Company has exercised due diligence in attempting to locate and notice all owners and claimants who are unleased and/or who were not previously pooled by prior order(s) of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding **the Nora Coalbed Gas Field**, all as required by Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2.
3. That on **July 20, 2007** a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing with Exhibits will be mailed, via certified mail return receipt requested, to all owners and claimants listed in Exhibit B for whom mailing addresses were then available.
4. That Equitable Production Company will continue to exercise due diligence in attempting to locate and identify the names and/or addresses of any unknown of unlocatable parties and, if located or identified, will notify them of Equitable Production Company's application.

I have read the foregoing, and the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



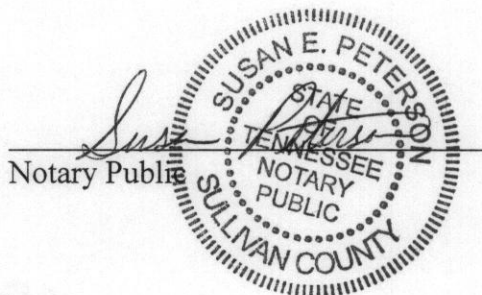
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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TAKEN, SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of
July, 2007.



My commission expires: 11-12-08

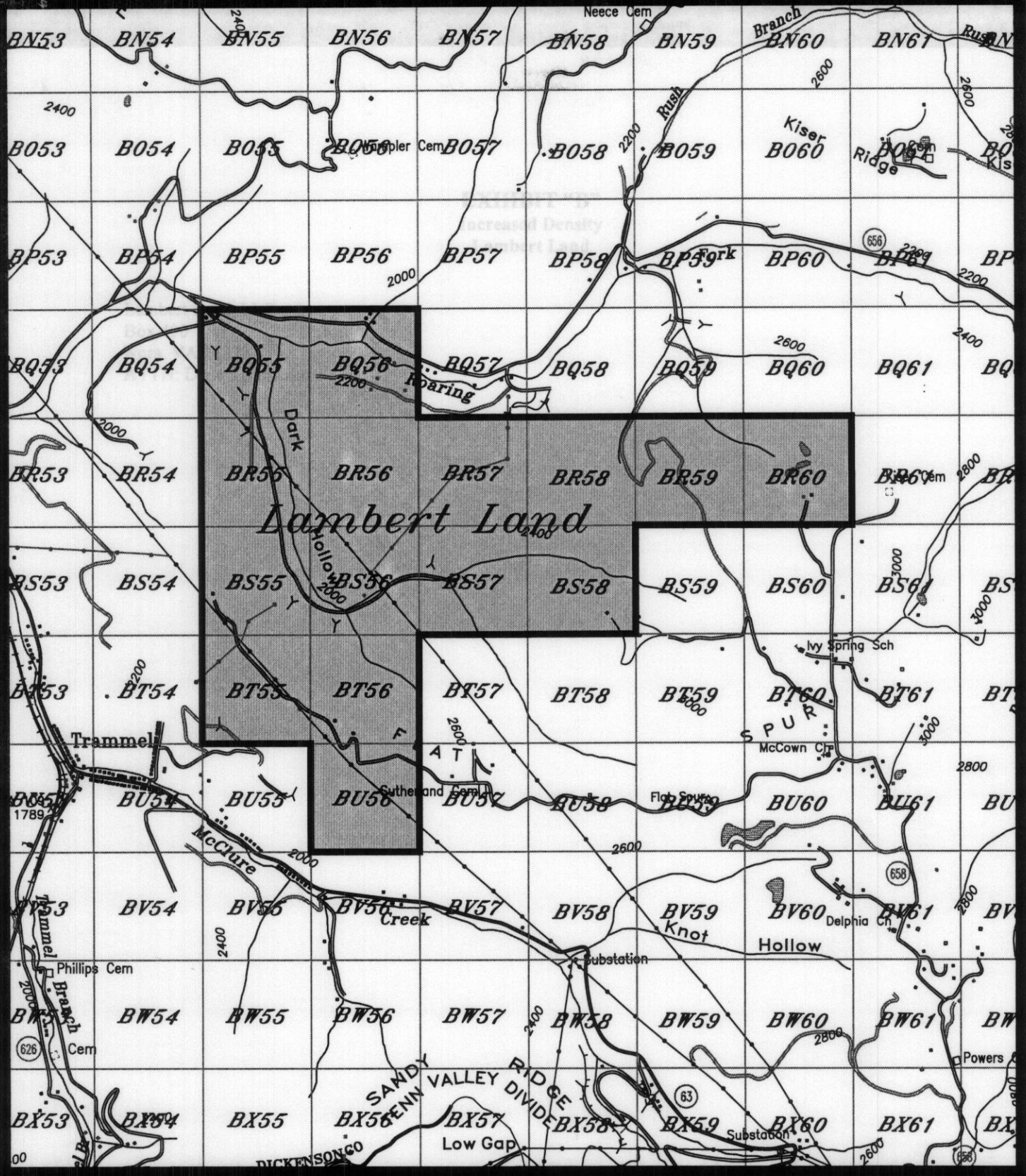
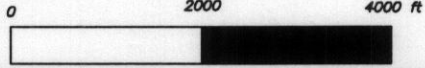


EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED LAMBERT LAND
INCREASED DENSITY DRILLING



EX-1

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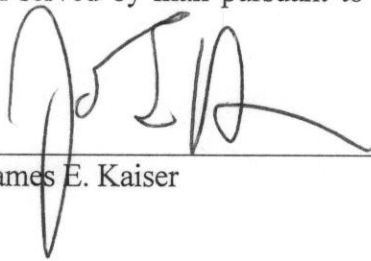
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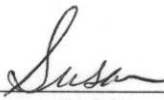


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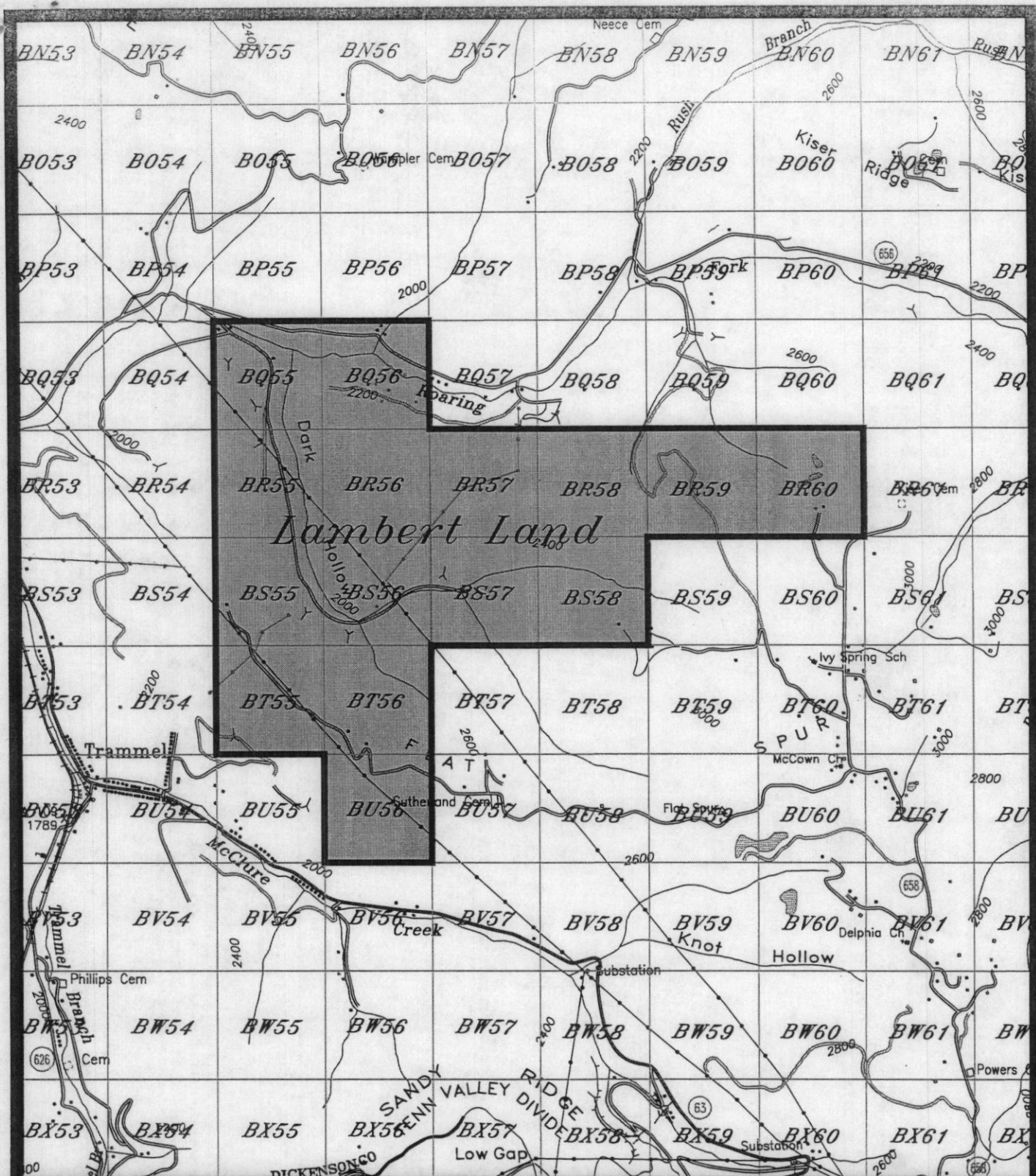
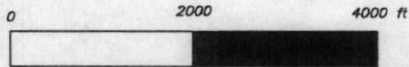


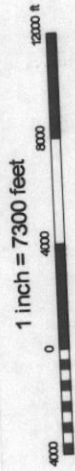
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EX-1

Nora CBM Field Increased Density Areas

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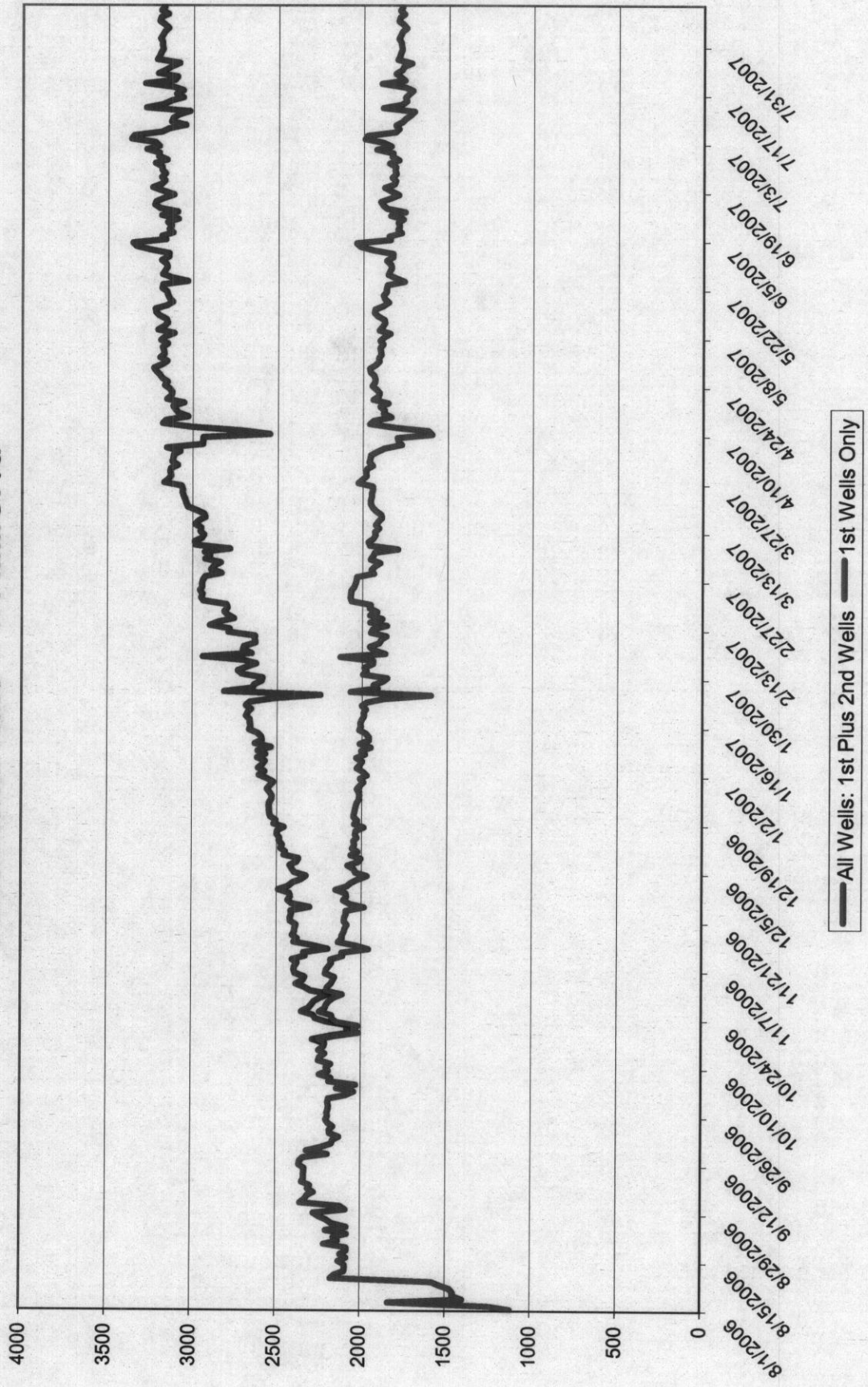
2007 Nora CBM Program Infill Area Map
Nora CBM Field, Big Stone Gap District
Dickinson, Co. VA

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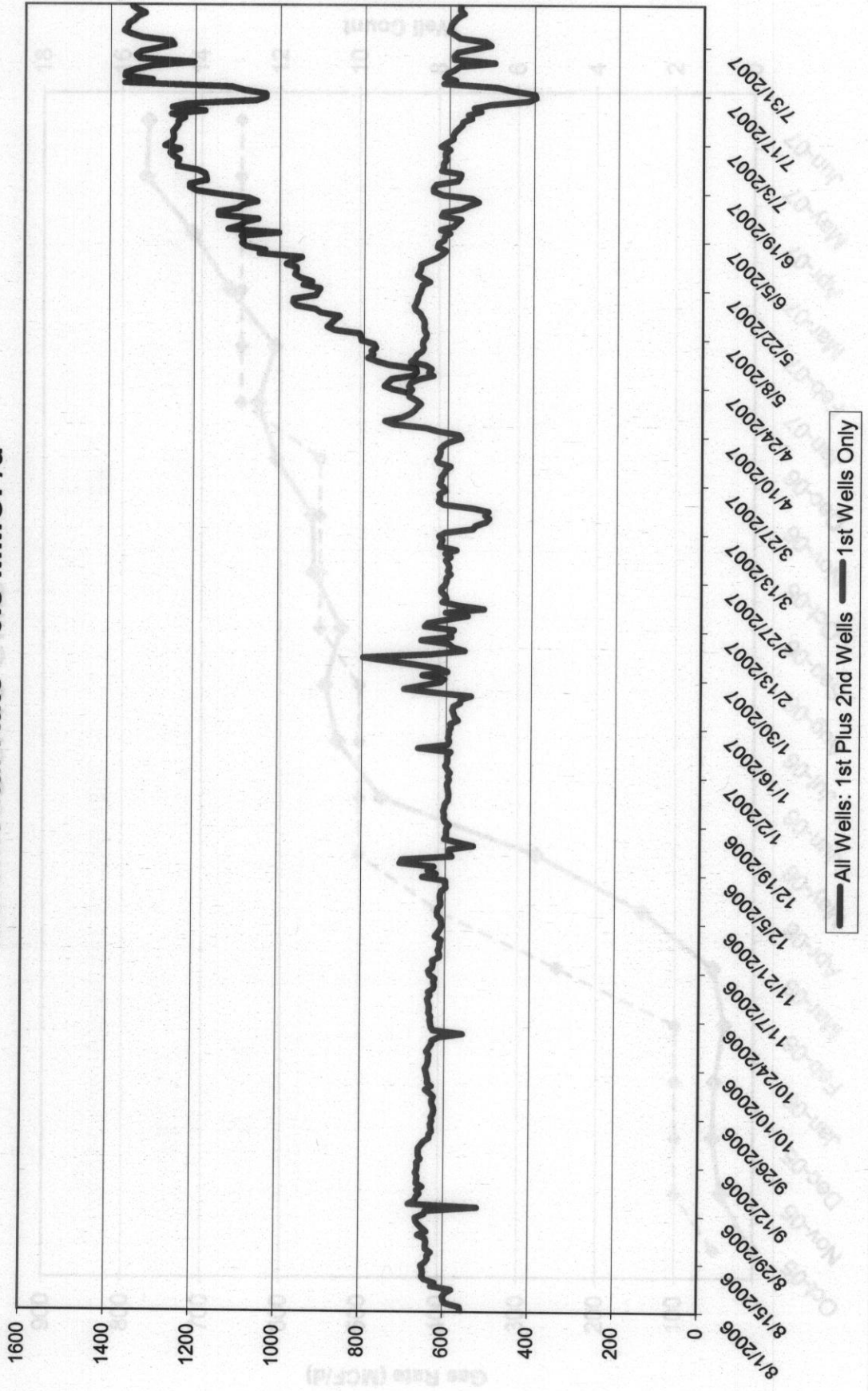
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EX 2

Middle Fork CBM - 16 Units 1st and 2nd Well Production
Incremental Rate = 1.4 MMCF/d



Lick Creek CBM - 11 Units 1st and 2nd Well Production
Incremental Rate = 0.8 MMCF/d



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HEARING DATE: August 21, 2007
PLACE: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College
Abingdon, Virginia
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

To: See Exhibit "B" attached hereto:

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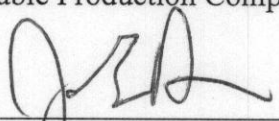
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Applicant: Appalachian Energy, Inc.)

Relief Sought: Modification of the Oakwood 1 Coalbed) Docket No.
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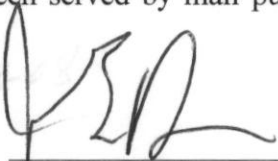
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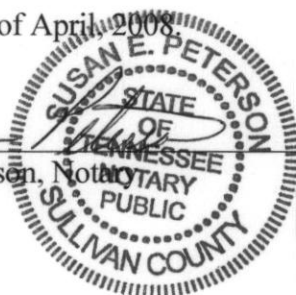
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Susan Peterson, Notary Public



My commission expires: November 12, 2008.