

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

RE: Application of Equitable Resources Energy Company for Forced Pooling of Interest in a Drilling Unit Affected by Well Number P-512, VGOB 1010-41 (also referred to as Docket No. 90-1010-0041) in the Clintwood District of Dickenson County, Virginia

REPORT OF THE BOARD

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION/TERMINATION OF VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD (herein "Board") ORDER IN THE ABOVE STYLED CAUSE FOR THE POOLING OF INTERESTS IN A GAS DRILLING UNIT IN THE NORA FORMATION TO BE SERVED BY PROPOSED WELL P-512 LOCATED IN THE CLINTWOOD QUADRANGLE, CLINTWOOD MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT, DICKENSON COUNTY VIRGINIA (the "Subject Lands" are more particularly described on Exhibit 'A', attached hereto and made a part hereof.

1. This Notice of Expiration/Termination is entered by the Board after hearing upon its own motion for the purpose of providing notice that the Pooling Order in the above-styled cause which is more particularly set forth and described in Paragraph 2(a) hereof expired and became terminated by its own terms on November 8, 1991, except for any cash sums becoming payable thereunder.
2. **Findings:** The Board finds that:
 - (a) In the above styled cause, the Board entered its pooling order on November 8, 1990 (herein "Pooling Order") for the pooling of the Nora formation in a gas drilling unit set forth and described in the plat attached hereto as Exhibit A (herein "Drilling Unit") to be served by proposed Well No. P-512 (herein "Well"). The Pooling Order was recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dickenson County, Virginia in Deed Book 269 at Page 579 on November 27, 1990.
 - (b) Pursuant to Paragraphs 5 of the Pooling Order, if any payment of bonus or other payment due and owing under the Pooling Order could not be made because of conflicting claims of ownership, defects or clouds on the title and/or because the person was unknown or could not be located, then Equitable Resources Energy Company (herein "Unit Operator") was to deposit/credit such bonus or other payments in an internal escrow account established in the accounting records of EREX to the credit and for the benefit of such owner.
 - (c) Pursuant to Paragraph 7 of the Pooling Order, if the Unit Operator did not commence or cause operations of the Drilling Unit and Well to be commenced within 365 days from the date of the Pooling Order, i.e., November 8, 1991, then the provisions of the Pooling Order were to be inoperative and the Pooling Order would terminate, by its own terms, except for any cash sums becoming payable thereunder, unless the time of commencement of such operations was extended by further order of the Board.
 - (d) The Unit Operator did not request nor did the Board order an extension of the Termination Date. The Unit Operator has not as of the date hereof commenced operations for the drilling the Well; therefore, on November 8, 1991 the Pooling Order terminated by its own terms, except for any cash sums which became due thereunder.
3. **Order:** By this Order which is to be recorded with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dickenson County, Virginia, the Board:
 - (a) gives notice that the Pooling Order expired and terminated by its own terms on November 8, 1991, except for any sums becoming payable thereunder.
 - (b) instructs the Escrow Agent named herein or any successor named by the Board to establish an interest-bearing escrow account (herein "Escrow Account") to receive and account to the Board pursuant to its agreement for the escrowed funds hereafter described.

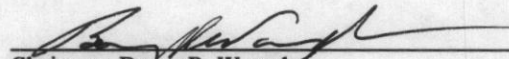
Tazewell National Bank
Trust Department
c/o Premier Bankshares Corporation
29 College Drive, P. O. Box 1199
Bluefield, VA 24605-1199
Telephone: (540) 322-2242
Fax: (540) 322-2766

- (c) any payment of bonus or other payment due and owing under the Pooling Order which could not be made because the person entitled thereto could not be made certain due to conflicting claims of ownership and/or a defect or cloud on the title, or because such person could not be located or was unknown, together with any Participating Operator's Proportionate Costs paid to the Unit Operator pursuant to the Pooling Order, if any, shall be deposited by the Unit Operator with the Escrow Agent within thirty (30) days from the date hereof for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of the persons entitled thereto until such funds can be paid to such person(s) or until the Escrow Agent relinquishes such funds as required by law or pursuant to Order of the Board in accordance with Va. Code 45.1-361.21.D.

4. **Mailing of Order:** The Unit Operator under the captioned order or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within ten (10) days after the date of receipt of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of this Order was mailed within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this Order to each person whose interest or claim was pooled by the Pooling Order and whose interest or claim was subject to escrow whose address is known.

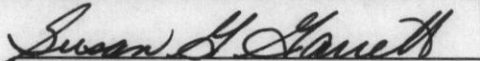
5. **Conclusion:** Therefore, the findings and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.

Done and executed this 23rd day of October, 1997, by the Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.


Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

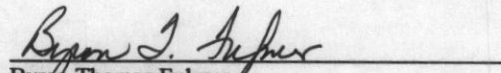
STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WISE)

Acknowledged on this 23rd day of October, 1997, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Susan G. Garrett
Notary Public

My Commission expires 7/31/98

Done and performed this 23rd day of October, 1997 by Order of this Board.

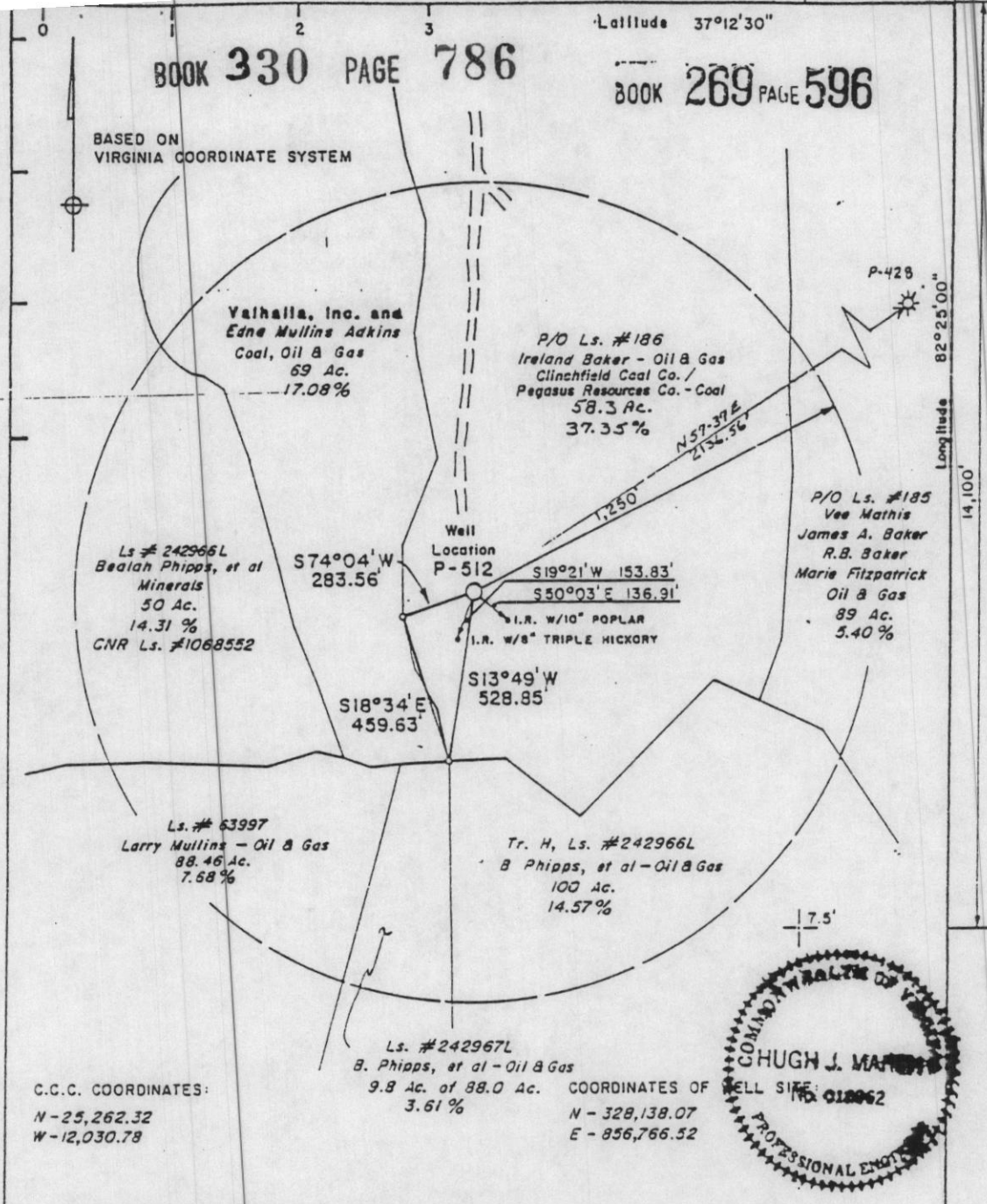

Byron Thomas Fulmer
Principal Executive to the Staff
Of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

Acknowledged on this 23rd day of October, 1997, personally appeared before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Byron Thomas Fulmer, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.

Diane J. Davis
Diane Davis
Notary Public

My Commission expires 09/30/2001



COMPANY EQUITABLE RESOURCE EXPLORATION

1989 East Stone Drive, 2 Executive Park Place
Kingsport, TN 37660

ADDRESS 1989 East Stone Drive, 2 Executive Park Place
Kingsport, TN 37660

WELL NAME P-512

FARM Ireland Baker TRACT

LEASE NO. 186 ELEVATION 1898.3'

ACRES 58.3 QUADRANGLE Clintwood 7.5'

COUNTY Dickenson DISTRICT Clintwood

REG. ENGINEER X REG. NO. 018962

CERT. LAND SURVEYOR CERT. NO.

FILE NO. DRAWING NO.

DATE June 22, 1990 SCALE 1" = 400'

This plat is X new updated.

This plat X is is not based on a mine coordinate system established for the areas of the well location.

FORM 5

WELL LOCATION MAP

WELL NO. P-512

+ Denotes location of well on United States Topographic Maps, scale 1 to 24,000 latitude and longitude lines being represented by border lines as shown.

CERTIFICATION OF WELL PLAT

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that this plat is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and shows all the information required by law and the regulations of the Va. Well Review Board.

Hugh J. Mathis
Registered Engineer or Certified Land Surveyor in Charge

EXHIBIT A

VIRGINIA: IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DICKENSON COUNTY, 10-27 1997. This deed was this day presented in said office, and upon the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, admitted to record at 2:07 o'clock P.M., after payment of \$ tax imposed by Sec. 58.1-802.

TESTE: JOE TATE, CLERK

BY: Diane Davis D. CLERK

Original returned this date to: Diane Davis