

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT:	EQUITABLE RESOURCES	)	DIVISION OF
	EXPLORATION	)	GAS AND OIL
		)	DOCKET NO.
RELIEF SOUGHT:	EXCEPTION TO	)	VGOB-92-1117-0286
	STATEWIDE SPACING	)	
	LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED	)	
	BY VIRGINIA CODE ANN.	)	
	§ 45.1-361.17(A)(2)	)	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:		)	
	CONVENTIONAL GAS WELL	)	
	NUMBER V-2372	)	
	VIRGINIA IRON, COAL & COKE COMPANY	)	
	TRACT NO. WI-202	)	
	COEBURN QUADRANGLE	)	
	LIPPS MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	)	
	WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA	)	

REPORT OF THE BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

1. Hearing Date and Place: This cause came on for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter "Board") at 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 1992, at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. Appearances: Richard A. Counts, Attorney, appeared for the Applicant, and Sandra B. Riggs, Assistant Attorney General, was present to advise the Board.

3. Notice and Jurisdiction: The Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. The Board also finds that the applicant has exercised due diligence to locate and provide notice to all persons/companies entitled to notice of this proceeding.

4. Relief Requested: Applicant requests an exception to statewide spacing requirements set forth in Section 45.1-361.17 of the Code of Virginia for Well Number V-2372 for the production of conventional gas from the surface to total depth drilled of 6935 feet, including, but not limited to the Devonian Shales, Maxon, Ravencliff, Weir, Big Lime and Berea formations, all in accordance with Applicant's well work permit ("Subject Formations"). The Applicant requests the Board's consent to drill Well Number V-2372 closer than 2640 feet to EREX Well Number P-104 in the location shown on Exhibit A hereto.

5. Amendment: None.

6. Reasons Relief Should be Granted: Evidence presented on behalf of the Applicant shows, and the Board finds, that based on the deposition of the common sources of supply anticipated between surface and total depth projected to be drilled, the proposed location exception represents the optimum location to recover commercially productive hydrocarbons underlying the drilling and spacing unit.

A qualified landsman testified that the location exception was necessary due to environmental constraints, accommodation of other mineral interests and effective land management practices.

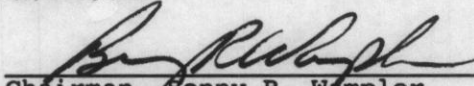
A qualified petroleum geologist testified that the granting of the location exception was in the best interest of preventing waste, protecting correlative rights and maximizing recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the drilling and spacing unit.

7. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause be and hereby is granted allowing the applicant to permit and drill Well Number V-2372 within 2,063.67 feet of EREX Well Number P-104 at the location depicted on Exhibit A hereto.

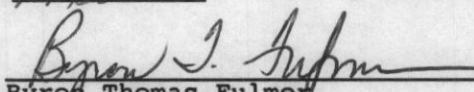
8. Findings: That the well location exception, in accordance with the foregoing, is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act.

9. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective on the date of its execution.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 8th day of March, 1993, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

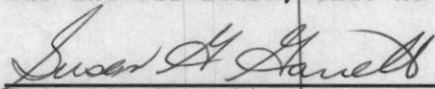

Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 8th day of March, 1993, by Order of this Board.


Byron Thomas Fulmer
Principal Executive To The Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

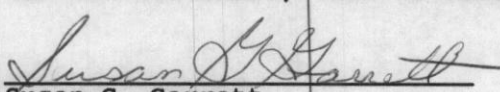
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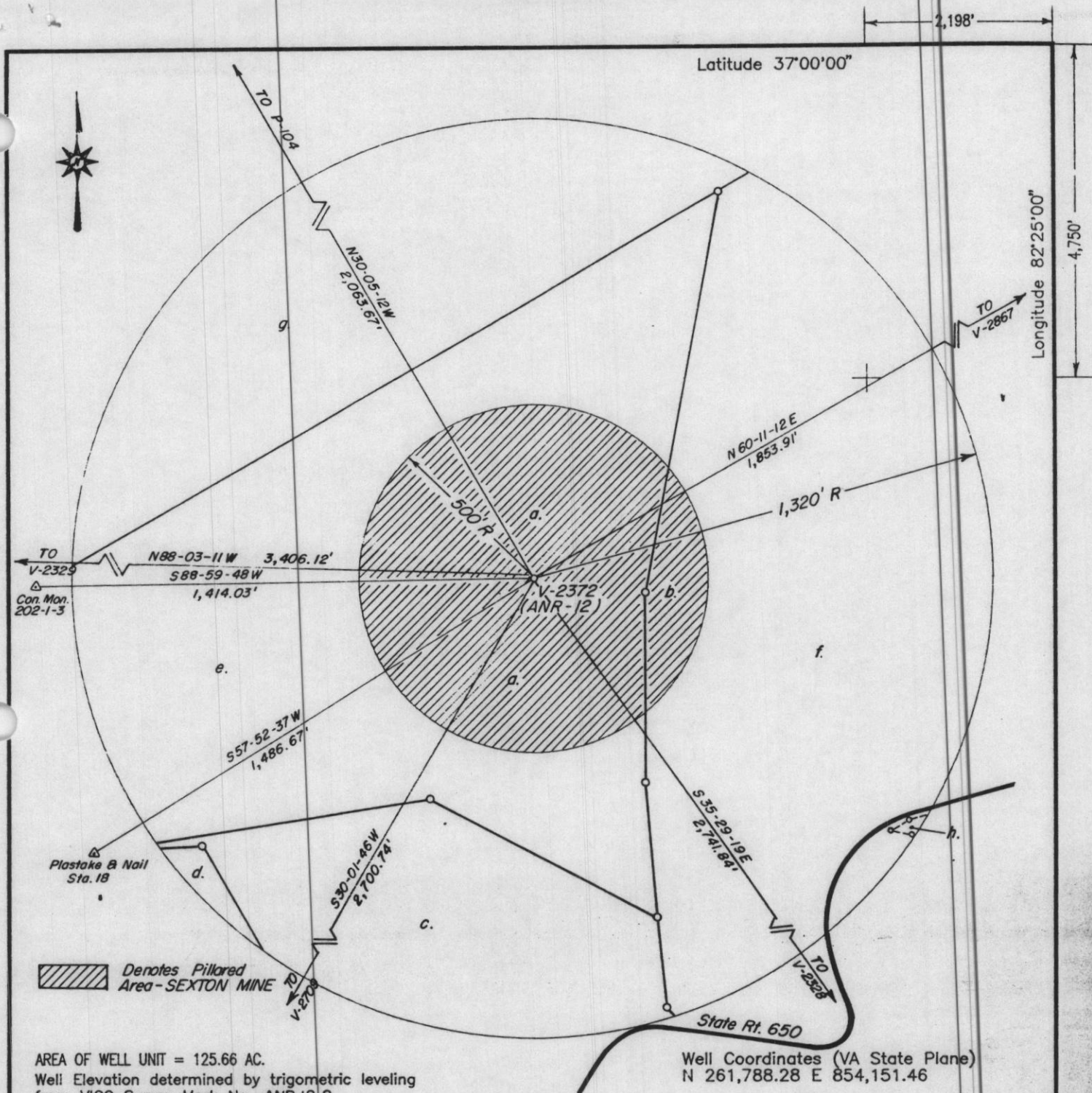
Acknowledged on this 8th day of March, 1993, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


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WELL LOCATION MAP

COMPANY Equitable Resources Exploration WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-2372 (ANR-12)
TRACT NO. WI-202 ELEVATION 2681.10' QUADRANGLE COEBURN
COUNTY WISE DISTRICT LIPPS SCALE 1"-400' DATE 4/01/92
This plat is a new plat X; an updated plat _____; or a final plat _____
+ Denotes the location of a well on United States topographic Maps, scale 1 to 24,000, latitude and longitude lines being represented by border lines shown.