

Instrument prepared by:  
**VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD**

Order recorded under:  
**CODE OF VIRGINIA**  
**§ 45.1-361.26**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD**

**RELIEF SOUGHT:** An Order for Disbursement of Escrowed Funds (and Authorization for Direct Payment of Royalties)

**JURISDICTION:** Code of Virginia § 45.1-351. (et seq) AND § 45.1-361.22 (et seq) AND § 45.1-361.22:2

**UNITWELL NAME:** VC-2914

**TRACT(S):** 001

**LOCATION:** BUCHANAN County, Virginia

**DOCKET NUMBER:** VGOB-93-0420-0367-03

**APPLICANTS:** EQT Production Company on behalf of John M. Lamie, Esq. Trustee for the Estate of Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, Range Resources Corporation, Weyerhaeuser Company

**HEARING DATE AND LOCATION:** On June 16, 2015, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, on its own motion, granted the Director of the Division of Gas and Oil the authority to process coal owner dismissal disbursements that have no pending deficiencies or issues. Code of Virginia Section 45.1-361.22:2. Effective date: July 1, 2015.

**APPEARANCES:** James Kaiser on behalf of EQT Production Company

**PRIOR PROCEEDINGS:**

1. Original Pooling Order Executed 06/16/1993, Recorded on 06/18/1993, Deed Book/Instrument No. 410, Page 255.
2. Supplemental Order Executed 10/22/1993, Recorded on 10/29/1993, Deed Book/Instrument No. 415, Page 321.
3. Disbursement Order -01, Recorded on 03/12/2009, Deed Book/Instrument No. 090000717.
4. Disbursement Order -02 Executed 09/26/2012, Recorded on 10/19/2012, Deed Book/Instrument No. 120002416.

**NOTICE:**

- (1) Amend the Pooling Order to provide for the disbursement of funds on deposit in the Escrow Account attributable to Tract(s) 001 identified in the attached petition.
- (2) Delete the requirement that the Unit Operator place future royalties attributable to Tract(s) 001 relative to the interests of the Applicants identified in the attached petition.
- (3) Close the escrow account under this docket number.

**FINDINGS:** Code of Virginia § 45.1-361.22 AND § 45.1-361.22:2

Applicant has certified and represented to the Board that:

Pursuant to Court Order filed 6/7/2017 in Re Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, Case No. 1:15CV00037, distributing to owners of Tract 1 of Well (Title to Tract 11).



1. The Escrow Agent is ordered, to within ten (10) days of receipt of this executed order, disburse funds for the unit and applicants detailed in Table 1.
2. The Escrow Agent is ordered to close the Escrow Account for the Subject Drilling unit based on the attached Revised Exhibit E which replaces all prior Exhibit E's recorded for the Subject Drilling Unit.

**CONCLUSION:**

Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.

**APPEALS:**

Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of the Code of Virginia § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court and that whenever a coal owner, coal operator, gas owner, gas operator, or operator of a gas storage field certificated by the State Corporation Commission is a party in such action, the court shall hear such appeal de novo.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 12 day of October, 2017 by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.



Chairman, Bradley C. Lambert

DONE AND PERFORMED this 12 day of October, 2017 by Order of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.



Rick Cooper  
Principal Executive to the  
staff, Virginia Gas and Oil Board

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF RUSSELL

Acknowledged on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Bradley C. Lambert, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is the Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board and Rick Cooper, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that they executed the same and was authorized to do so.



Sarah Jessee Gilmer, Notary Public  
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My Commission expires: July 31, 2021



## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

PETITIONER: EQT Production Company

DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL

DOCKET NO: VGOB 93-0420-0367-03

**RELIEF SOUGHT: (1) DISBURSEMENT FROM ESCROW REGARDING TRACT(S) 001 (2) AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES (3) AND DISMISSAL OF COAL OWNERS PURSUANT TO CODE OF VIRGINIA SECTION 45.1-361.22:2.**

**HEARING DATE:** On June 16, 2015, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, on its own motion, granted the Director of the Division of Gas and Oil the authority to process coal owner dismissal disbursements that have no pending deficiencies or issues. Code of Virginia Section 45.1-361.22:2. Effective date: July 1, 2015.

DRILLING UNIT: VC-2914

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

## PETITION FOR ORDER OF DISBURSEMENT OF ESCROW FUNDS

1. Petitioner and its counsel

Petitioner is EQT Production Company, 625 Liberty Avenue, EQT Plaza, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 412-395-3921. Petitioner's counsel is James Kaiser, Wilhoit and Kaiser Law Firm, 220 Broad Street, Suite 210, Kingsport, TN 37660.

2. Relief Sought

Petition for disbursement of escrowed funds of Tract 1 for VC-2914, Docket # 93-04-20-0367 on behalf of gas owner, Yellow Poplar Lumbar Company and coal owner, Range Resources in accordance with Order Approving Settlement and Quieting Title filed 6/7/2017 as Document 550 at Page 9994.

3. Legal Authority

Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 et seq., 4 VAC 25-160-140., and relevant Virginia Gas and Oil Board Orders ("Board") heretofore promulgated pursuant to law.

4. Type of Well(s)

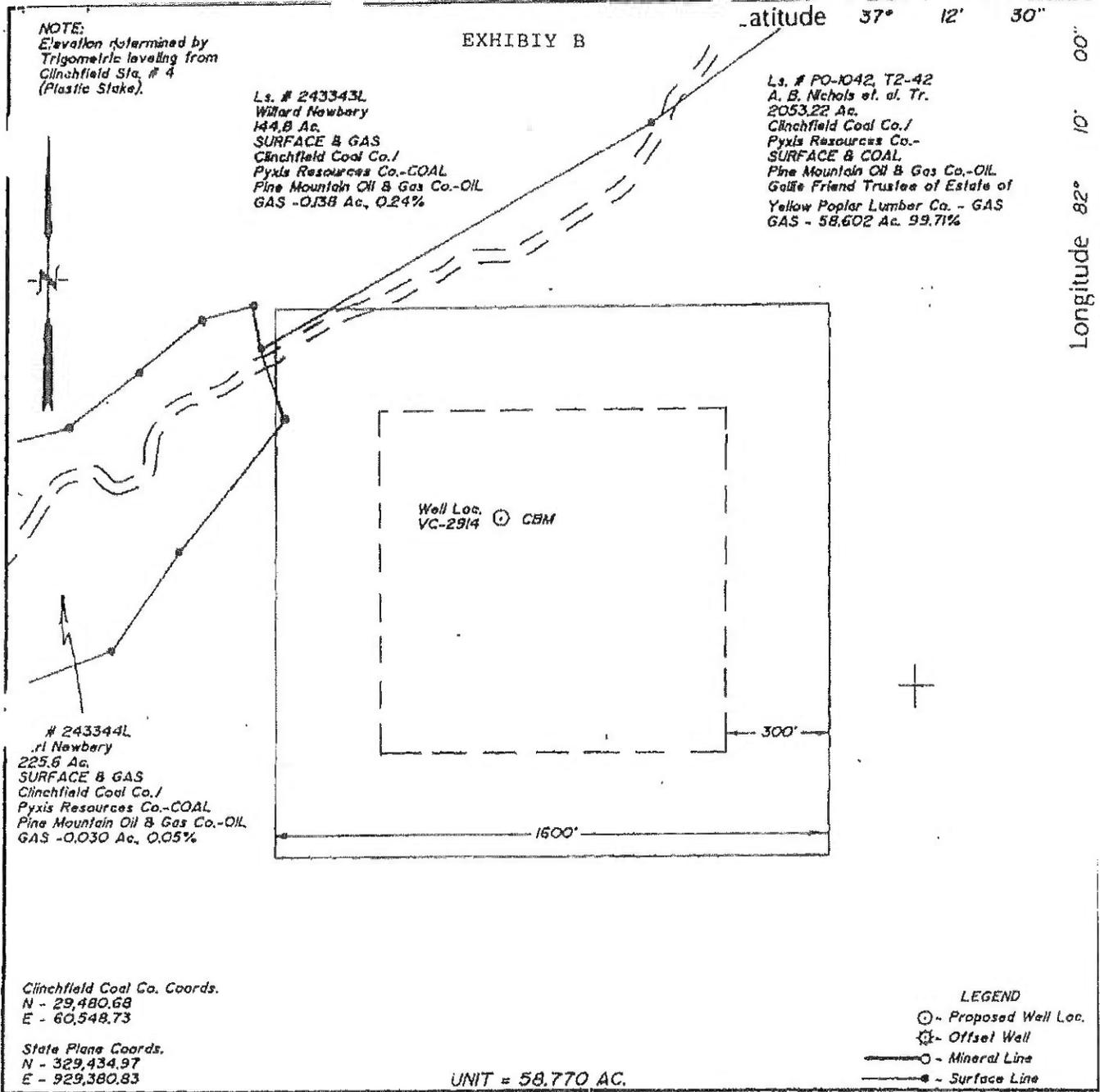
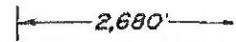
Coalbed Methane

5. Factual basis for relief requested

Pursuant to Court Order filed 6/7/2017 In Re Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, Case No. 1:15CV00037, distributing to owners of Tract 1 of Well (Title to Tract 11).

6. Attestation

The foregoing Petition to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief is true and correct.



**WELL LOCATION PLAT**

Company Equitable Resources Exploration Well Name and Number VC-2914  
 Tract No. T2-42 Elevation 1887.27 Quadrangle Prater  
 County Buchanan District Prater Scale: " = 400' Date 03-12-93

This Plat is a new plat X; an updated plat \_\_\_\_\_; or a final location 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 as shown.

H. L. Baldridge  
 Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor (Affix Seal)

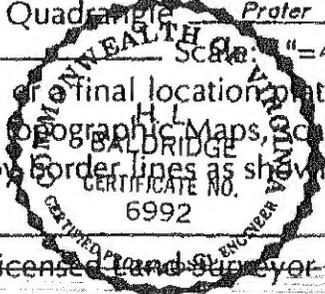


EXHIBIT "B"  
VC-2914

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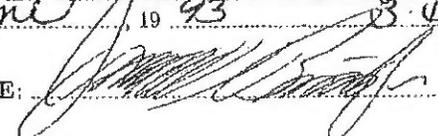
<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<u>GAS ESTATE</u>				
1.	Yellow Poplar Lumber Co. Unknown	Unleased	99.71%	58.602
2.	Willard Newberry and Audrey Newberry, H/W Route 1, Box 482 Vanzant, VA 24656	Leased-EREX Lse #243343L-01	.24%	.138
3.	Furl Newberry and Lydia Victoria Newberry, H/W P. O. Box 23028 Phoenix, AZ 85063	Leased-EREX Lse #243344L-01	.05%	.030
TOTAL			100.00%	58.770
Percentage of Unit Leased			.29%	
Percentage of Unit Unleased			99.71%	
Acreage in Unit Leased				.168
Acreage in Unit Unleased				58.602

EXHIBIT "B"  
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<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<u>COAL ESTATE</u>				
1, 2, and 3	Clinchfield Coal Co. Paul Guild, Chief Engineer P. O. Box 7 Dante, VA 24237 Pyxis Resources Co. Larry Cline, Property Manager P. O. Box 5100 Lebanon, VA 24266	Leased-EREX PO-1042 241640L-01 T2-42	100.00%	58.770
TOTAL			100.00%	58.770
Percentage of Unit Leased			100.00%	
Percentage of Unit Unleased			0.00%	
Acreage in Unit Leased				58.770
Acreage in Unit Unleased				0.000

VIRGINIA. In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County. The foregoing instrument was this day presented in the office aforesaid and is, together with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, admitted to record this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 19 93 3:43 P. M.  
Deed Book No. 410 and Page No. 255

TESTE:  Clerk

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**EXHIBIT "B"**  
**VC-2914**  
**VGOB 93/04/20-0367**  
 Revised 8/30/2017

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<b><u>Gas Estate Only</u></b>				
1	Weyerhaeuser Company Attn: Pamela J. Reed 220 Occidental Ave S Seattle, WA 98104	Unleased	24.9275%	14.6505
	Range Resources Corporation* Attn: David Poole, Esq. 100 Throckmorton Street; Suite 1200 Ft. Worth, TX 76102	Leased 241640	24.9275%	14.6505
	John M. Lamie, Esq., Trustee for the Estate of Yellow Popular Lumber Company Browning, Lamie & Gifford, PC P.O. Box 519 Abingdon, VA 24212	Unleased	49.8550%	29.3010
<b>Tract 1 Totals</b>			<b>99.7100%</b>	<b>58.6020</b>
2	Marlene McCall 5310 Canova Ct Kingsport, TN 37664	Leased 243343.01	0.09000000%	0.05180
	Donna Vest 4062 Blandfield Drive Vinton, VA 24179	Leased 243343.01	0.09000000%	0.05180
	Range Resources - Pine Mountain, Inc. P.O. Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640	0.06000000%	0.03450
<b>Tract 2 Totals</b>			<b>0.2400%</b>	<b>0.138</b>
3	Furl & Lydia Newberry PO Box 23028 Phoenix, AZ 85063	Leased 243344.01	0.0375%	0.0225
	Range Resources - Pine Mountain, Inc. P.O. Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640	0.0125%	0.0075
<b>Tract 3 Totals</b>			<b>0.0500%</b>	<b>0.030</b>

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TOTAL GAS ESTATE 100.0000% 58.770

Coal Estate Only

1,2 and 3	Range Resources - Pine Mountain, Inc.* PO Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640L T2-42	100.0000%	58.770
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**Tract 1 Totals** 100.0000% 58.770

TOTAL COAL ESTATE 100.0000% 58.770

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**EXHIBIT "E"**  
**VC-702914**  
**VGOB 93/04/20-0367**  
Revised 08/30/2017

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
	<u>N/A</u>			

**EXHIBIT "EE"**  
**VC-702914**  
**VGOB 93/04/20-0367**  
Revised 8/30/2017

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<b><u>Gas Estate Only - 01 Disbursement</u></b>				
3	Furl & Lydia Newberry 14810 West Calavar Rd. Surprise, AZ 85379	Leased 243344.01	0.0375%	0.0225
	Range Resources - Pine Mountain P.O. Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640	0.0125%	<b>0.0075</b>
<b>Total Gas Estate - 01</b>			<b>0.0500%</b>	<b>0.030</b>
<b><u>Gas Estate Only - 02 Disbursement</u></b>				
2	Marlene McCall 5310 Canova Court Kingsport, TN 37664	Leased 243343	0.09000000%	0.05180
	Donna Vest 4062 Blandfield Drive Vinton, VA 24179	Leased 243343	0.09000000%	0.05180
	Range Resources - Pine Mountain P.O. Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640	0.06000000%	0.03450
<b>Total Gas Estate - 02</b>			<b>0.2400%</b>	<b>0.138</b>
<b><u>Gas Estate Only - 03 Disbursement</u></b>				
1	Weyerhaeuser Company Attn: Pamela J. Reed 220 Occidental Ave S Seattle, WA 98104	Unleased	24.9275%	14.6505

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Range Resources Corporation* Attn: David Poole, Esq. 100 Throckmorton Street; Suite 1200 Ft. Worth, TX 76102	Leased 241640	24.9275%	14.6505
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John M. Lamie, Esq., Trustee for the Estate of Yellow Popular Lumber Company Browning, Lamie & Gifford, PC P.O. Box 519 Abingdon, VA 24212	Unleased	49.8550%	29.3010
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<b>Total Gas Estate - 03</b>		<b>99.7100%</b>	<b>58.6020</b>
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<b>Total Disbursed</b>		<b>1.00000000</b>	<b>58.770100</b>
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**Coal Estate Only**

1-3	Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. P.O. Box 2136 Abingdon, VA 24212	Leased 241640	99.71000000%	58.602
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<b>Total Coal Estate</b>		<b>99.71000000%</b>	<b>58.602</b>
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\* Formerly Range Resources - Pine Mountain Oil & Gas Inc.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ABINGDON DIVISION

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AT ABINGDON, VA  
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WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY and )  
WEYERHAEUSER NR COMPANY, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

Case No. 1:13CV00062

YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER )  
COMPANY, INC., et al. )

Defendants, )

IN RE YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER )  
COMPANY )

Case No. 1:15CV00037

Debtor )

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND QUIETING TITLE  
AS TO YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER COMPANY TRACTS 4 AND 11

On February 8, 2017, John M. Lamie, Trustee for the Estate of Yellow Poplar Lumber Company ("Trustee") moved the Court to approve a settlement by and among the Trustee, Weyerhaeuser Company and Weyerhaeuser NR Company (together, "Weyerhaeuser"), Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. ("Range") and Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC, and EQT Production Company and EQT Production Nora, LLC (together, "EQT"). [ECF No. 520.] The terms of the settlement are memorialized in the proposed agreement between the parties dated January 25, 2017 ("Settlement Agreement"). [ECF No. 520-1.]

The dispute between the parties involves the ownership of the gas estate on Tracts 4 and 11 in a deed dated January 5, 1906, from Excelsior Coal and Lumber Corporation to Yellow Poplar Lumber Company, recorded in Buchanan County, Virginia, Deed Book 30, page 226, and

Dickenson County, Virginia, Deed Book 25, page 476. Tract 10 in this deed overlies a portion of Tract 11. The Court has previously entered an Order quieting title to the gas estate under Tract 10. As used in this Order, Tract 11 means that portion of Tract 11 that lies outside of Tract 10.

Among other things, the proposed Settlement Agreement resolves the competing claims of ownership as follows:

*Title to Tract 11:* The parties agree that they are undivided owners of the gas estate on Tract 11 in the following percentages: 25% Weyerhaeuser Company, 25% Range, 50% Trustee.

*Title to Tract 4:* The parties agree that Range and the Trustee are undivided owners of the gas estate on Tract 4 in the following percentages: 33% Range, 67% Trustee.

The Trustee having published the proposed settlement as ordered by the Court, there being no objections filed with the Court, and it otherwise appearing proper to approve the proposed settlement for all the reasons set forth in the Trustee's pleadings and the pleadings of the other parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the proposed Settlement Agreement is APPROVED and EFFECTIVE.

It is therefore ORDERED as follows:

1. The gas estate on Tract 11 is owned as follows:

Weyerhaeuser Company: 25% undivided interest;

Range: 25% undivided interest; and

Trustee: 50% undivided interest.

2. The gas estate on Tract 4 is owned as follows:

Range: 33% undivided interest; and

Trustee: 67% undivided interest.

As used in this Order, the term "gas estate" means all gas, including both conventional gas and coalbed methane gas.

It is further ORDERED that, except for claims reserved to Weyerhaeuser and the Trustee as stated in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Settlement Agreement, all claims, counterclaims, and crossclaims brought by Weyerhaeuser, Range, Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC, EQT, and the Trustee in Case No. 1:13CV00062 are hereby dismissed with prejudice. Claims reserved in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Settlement Agreement are dismissed without prejudice. Case No. 1:15CV00037 shall remain pending for further bankruptcy proceedings consistent with this Order.

This Order is a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction adjudicating ownership of gas for purposes of Virginia Code § 45-361.22(5)(i) and allowing distribution of funds in escrow.

The Clerks of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Virginia, and the Circuit Court of Dickenson County, Virginia, are requested to record this Order in the land records of the Counties in the Grantor Index under the following names: YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER COMPANY, JOHN M. LAMIE, TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER COMPANY, W.M. RITTER LUMBER COMPANY, PLUM CREEK TIMBERLANDS, LP, PLUM CREEK MARKETING, INC., PLUM CREEK MANUFACTURING HOLDING COMPANY, INC., HIGHLAND RESOURCES, INC., WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY, WEYERHAEUSER NR COMPANY, BIG SANDY FUEL CORPORATION, RANGE RESOURCES-PINE MOUNTAIN, INC., and RANGE RESOURCES-APPALACHIA, LLC; and in the

Grantee Index under the following names: WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY, RANGE  
RESOURCES-PINE MOUNTAIN, INC., and JOHN M. LAMIE, TRUSTEE OF THE  
ESTATE OF YELLOW POPLAR LUMBER COMPANY.

Each party shall bear their own costs and expenses unless otherwise separately  
ordered by the Court.

ENTER this 7th day of June, 2017.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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