

INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

ORDER RECORDED UNDER CODE
OF VIRGINIA SECTION 45.1-361.26

V I R G I N I A:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: **Equitable Production Company**) VIRGINIA GAS
) AND OIL BOARD
RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING OF INTERESTS IN A 58.77)
ACRE SQUARE DRILLING UNIT) DOCKET NO.
DESCRIBED IN **EXHIBIT A** HERETO) VGOB-08/05/20-2228
LOCATED IN THE **NORA** COAL BED GAS)
FIELD AND SERVED BY UNIT NO. **BV-41**)
WELL NOS. **VC-536422 & VCI-538743**)
(herein "Subject Drilling Unit"))
PURSUANT TO VA. CODE §§ 45.1-361.21)
AND 45.1-361.22, FOR THE PRODUCTION)
OF OCCLUDED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED)
FROM COALBEDS AND ROCK STRATA)
ASSOCIATED THEREWITH (herein)
"Coalbed Methane Gas" or "Gas"))
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
)
SUBJECT DRILLING UNIT SERVED BY WELL NUMBERED)
BV-41 (herein "Well") TO BE DRILLED IN)
THE LOCATION DEPICTED ON **EXHIBIT A** HERETO,)
Standard Banner Coal Corporation)
Tract TL-223)
Nora QUADRANGLE)
Kenady MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT)
DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA)
(the "Subject Lands" are more)
particularly described on **Exhibit A**,)
attached hereto and made a part hereof))
TAX MAP IDENTIFICATIN NUMBERS:)
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TAX MAP IDENTIFICATIN NUMBERS FOR ALL PARCELS)
AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER ARE SHOWN ON EXHIBIT(S))
B-3; WHICH IS/ARE ATTACHED TO AND A PART)
OF THIS ORDER.)

REPORT OF THE BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

1. Hearing Date and Place: This matter came on for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereafter "Board") at 9:00 a.m. on **May 20, 2008** Southwest Higher Education Center, Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. Appearances: **James E. Kaiser of Wilhoit and Kaiser**, appeared for the Applicant.

3. Jurisdiction and Notice: Pursuant to Va. Code §§45.1-361.1 et seq., the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a meaningful search of reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of each gas and oil owner, coal owner, or mineral owner and/or potential owner, i.e., person identified by Applicant as having ("Owner") or claiming ("Claimant") the rights to Coalbed Methane Gas in all Pennsylvania-aged coals from the top of the Raven, including but not limited to: (VC-536422) Jawbone, Greasy Creek, C Seam, War Creek, Beckley, Lower Horsepen, X-Seam, Poco 9, Poco 8, Poco 6, Poco 5, (VCI-538743) Jawbone, Greasy Creek, Upper Horsepen, C Seam, Unnamed C, War Creek, Lower Horsepen, Poco 9, Poco 8, Poco 5, Poco 3, and any other unnamed coal seams, coalbeds and rock strata associated therewith (hereafter "Subject Formations") in the Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands; (2) represented it has given notice to those parties so identified (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code §§ 45.1-361.19 and 45.1-361.22, to notice of the application filed herein; and (3) that the persons set forth in **Exhibit B-3** hereto have been identified by Applicant as persons who may be Owners or Claimants of Coalbed Methane Gas interests in Subject Formations in the Subject Drilling Unit who have not heretofore agreed to lease or sell to the Applicant and/or voluntarily pool their Gas interests. Conflicting Gas Owners/Claimants in Subject Drilling Unit are listed on **Exhibit E**. Further, the Board has caused notice of this hearing to be published as required by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19.B. Whereupon, the Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of state due process.

4. Amendments: **Exhibits B-2, B-3 & E.**

5. Dismissals: **Tract 1, Norma McCoy McGill; Harold G. & Barbara A. McCoy.**

6. Relief Requested: Applicant requests (1) that pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.22, including the applicable portions of § 45.1-361.21, the Board pool the rights, interests and estates in and to the Gas in the Subject Drilling Unit, including those of the Applicant and of the known and unknown persons named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto and that of their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote, for the drilling and operation, including production, of Coalbed Methane Gas produced from the Subject Drilling Unit established for the Subject Formations underlying and comprised of the Subject Lands, (hereafter sometimes collectively identified and referred to as "well development and/or operation in the Subject Drilling Unit"); and, (2) that the Board designate **Equitable Production Company** as the Unit Operator.

7. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause shall be and hereby is granted and: (1) pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.21.C.3, **Equitable Production Company** (hereafter "Unit Operator" or "Operator") is designated as the Unit Operator authorized to drill and operate the Well in Subject

Drilling Unit at the location depicted on the plat attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to the permit provisions contained in Va. Code § 45.1-361.27, et seq.; to §§ 4 VAC 25-150 et seq., Gas and Oil Regulations; to § 4 VAC 25-160 et seq., Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations and to the Nora Coal Bed Gas Field Rules established by the Oil and Gas Conservation Board's Order entered March 26, 1989; all as amended from time to time; and (2) all the interests and estates in and to the Gas in Subject Drilling Unit, including that of the Applicant, the Unit Operator and of the known and unknown persons listed on **Exhibit B-3**, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote, be and hereby are pooled in the Subject Formations in the Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of the Subject Lands.

Pursuant to the Nora Coal Field Rules promulgated under the authority of Va. Code § 45.1-361.20, the Board has adopted the following method for the calculation of production and revenue and allocation of allowable costs for the production of Coalbed Methane Gas.

For Frac Well Gas. - Gas shall be produced from and allocated to only the 58.77 acre drilling unit in which the well is located according to the undivided interests of each Owner/Claimant within the unit, which undivided interest shall be the ratio (expressed as a percentage) that the amount of mineral acreage within each separate tract that is within the Subject Drilling Unit, when platted on the surface, bears to the total mineral acreage, when platted on the surface, contained within the entire 58.77-acre drilling unit in the manner set forth in the Nora Field Rules.

8. Election and Election Period: In the event any Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto does not reach a voluntary agreement to share in the operation of the well located in the Subject Drilling Unit, at a rate of payment mutually agreed to by said Gas Owner or Claimant and the Unit Operator, then such person named may elect one of the options set forth in Paragraph 9 below and must give written notice of his election of the option selected under Paragraph 9 to the designated Unit Operator at the address shown below within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order. A timely election shall be deemed to have been made if, on or before the last day of said 30-day period, such electing person has delivered his written election to the designated Unit Operator at the address shown below or has duly postmarked and placed its written election in first class United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Unit Operator at the address shown below.

9. Election Options:

9.1 Option 1 - To Participate In The Development and Operation of the Drilling Unit: Any Gas Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** who has not reached a voluntary agreement with the Applicant or Unit Operator may elect to participate in the Well development and operation in the Subject Drilling Unit (hereafter "Participating Operator") by agreeing to pay the estimate of such Participating Operator's proportionate part of the actual and reasonable costs, including a reasonable supervision fee, of the

Well development and operation in the Subject Drilling Unit, as more particularly set forth in Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulation 4 VAC 25-160-100 (herein "Completed for Production Costs"). Further, a Participating Operator agrees to pay the estimate of such Participating Operator's proportionate part of the Estimated, Completed-for-Production Costs as set forth below to the Unit Operator within forty-five (45) days from the later of the date of mailing or the date of recording of this Order. The estimated Completed-for-Production Costs for the Subject Drilling Unit are as follows:

Completed-for-Production Costs: \$387,129.00/\$374,492.00.

Any gas owner and/or claimants named in **Exhibit B-3**, who elect this option (Option 1) understand and agree that their initial payment under this option is for their proportionate share of the Applicant's estimate of actual costs and expenses. It is also understood by all persons electing this option that they are agreeing to pay their proportionate share of the actual costs and expenses as determined by the operator named in this Board Order.

A Participating Operator's proportionate cost hereunder shall be the result obtained by multiplying the Participating Operators' "Interest in Unit" times the Completed-for-Production Cost set forth above. Provided, however, that in the event a Participating Operator elects to participate and fails or refuses to pay the estimate of his proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Cost as set forth above, all within the time set forth herein and in the manner prescribed in Paragraph 8 of this Order, then such Participating Operator shall be deemed to have elected not to participate and to have elected compensation in lieu of participation pursuant to Paragraph 9.2 herein.

- 9.2 Option 2 - To Receive A Cash Bonus Consideration: In lieu of participating in the Well development and operation in Subject Drilling Unit under Paragraph 9.1 above, any Gas Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto who has not reached a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator may elect to accept a cash bonus consideration of **\$5.00** per net mineral acre owned by such person, commencing upon entry of this Order and continuing annually until commencement of production from Subject Drilling Unit, and thereafter a royalty of 1/8th of 8/8ths [twelve and one-half percent (12.5%)] of the net proceeds received by the Unit Operator for the sale of the Gas produced from any Well development and operation covered by this Order multiplied by that person's Interest Within Unit as set forth in **Exhibit B-3** [for purposes of this Order, net proceeds shall be actual proceeds received less post-production costs incurred downstream of the wellhead, including, but not limited to, gathering, compression, treating, transportation and marketing costs, whether performed by Unit Operator or a third person] as fair, reasonable and equitable compensation to be paid to said Gas Owner or Claimant. The initial cash bonus shall become due and owing when so elected and shall be tendered, paid or escrowed

within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order. Thereafter, annual cash bonuses, if any, shall become due and owing on each anniversary of the date of recording of this order in the event production from Subject Drilling Unit has not theretofore commenced, and once due, shall be tendered, paid or escrowed within sixty (60) days of said anniversary date. Once the initial cash bonus and the annual cash bonuses, if any, are so paid or escrowed, said payment(s) shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such electing person in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Lands, except, however, for the 1/8th royalties due hereunder.

Subject to a final legal determination of ownership, the election made under this Paragraph 9.2, when so made, shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such electing person in any well development and operation covered hereby and such electing person shall be deemed to have and hereby does assign its right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant.

- 9.3. Option 3 - To Share In The Development And Operation As A Non-Participating Person On A Carried Basis And To Receive Consideration In Lieu Of Cash: In lieu of participating in the Well development and operation of Subject Drilling Unit under Paragraph 9.1 above and in lieu of receiving a cash bonus consideration under Paragraph 9.2 above, any Gas Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** who has not reached a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator may elect to share in the well development and operation in Subject Drilling Unit on a carried basis (as a "Carried Well Operator") so that the proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Costs hereby allocable to such Carried Well Operator's interest is charged against such Carried Well Operator's share of production from Subject Drilling Unit. Such Carried Well Operator's rights, interests, and claims in and to the Gas in Subject Drilling Unit shall be deemed and hereby are assigned to the Unit Operator until the proceeds from the sale of such Carried Well Operator's share of production from Subject Drilling Unit (exclusive of any royalty, excess or overriding royalty, or other non-operating or non cost-bearing burden reserved in any lease, assignment thereof or agreement relating thereto covering such interest) equals three hundred percent (300%) for a leased interest or two hundred percent (200%) for an unleased interest (whichever is applicable) of such Carried Well Operator's share of the Completed-for-Production Costs allocable to the interest of such Carried Well Operator. Any Gas Owner and/or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** who elects this option (Option 3) understands and agrees that Completed-for-Production Costs are the Operator's actual costs for well development and operation. When the Unit Operator recoups and recovers from such Carried Well Operator's assigned interest the amounts provided for above, then, the assigned interest of such Carried Well Operator shall automatically revert back to such Carried Well Operator, and from and after such reversion, such

Carried Well Operator shall be treated as if it had participated initially under Paragraph 9.1 above; and thereafter, such participating person shall be charged with and shall pay his proportionate part of all further costs of such well development and operation.

Subject to a final legal determination of ownership, the election made under this Paragraph 9.3, when so made, shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such electing person in any Well development and operation covered hereby and such electing person shall be deemed to have and hereby does assign his right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant for the period of time during which its interest is carried as above provided prior to its reversion back to such electing person.

10. Failure to Properly Elect: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto has not reached a voluntary agreement with the Applicant or Unit Operator and fails to elect within the time, in the manner, and in accordance with the terms of this Order, one of the alternatives set forth in Paragraph 9 above for which his interest qualifies, then such person shall be deemed to have elected not to participate in the proposed Well development and operation in Subject Drilling Unit and shall be deemed, subject to any final legal determination of ownership, to have elected to accept as satisfaction in full for such person's right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas the consideration provided in Paragraph 9.2 above for which its interest qualifies, and shall be deemed to have leased and/or assigned his right, interests, and claims in and to said Gas produced from Subject Formation in Subject Drilling Unit to the Unit Operator. Persons who fail to properly elect shall be deemed to have accepted the compensation and terms set forth herein at Paragraph 9.2 in satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such person in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation underlying Subject Lands.

11. Default By Participating Person: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** elects to participate under Paragraph 9.1, but fails or refuses to pay, to secure the payment or to make an arrangement with the Unit Operator for the payment of such person's proportionate part of the estimated Completed-for-Production costs as set forth herein, all within the time and in the manner as prescribed in this Order, then such person shall be deemed to have withdrawn his election to participate and shall be deemed to have elected to accept as satisfaction in full for such person's right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas the consideration provided in Paragraph 9.2 above for which his interest qualifies depending on the excess burdens attached to such interest. Whereupon, any cash bonus consideration due as a result of such deemed election shall be tendered, paid or escrowed by Unit Operator within one hundred twenty (120) days after the last day on which such defaulting person under this Order should have paid his proportionate part of such cost or should have made satisfactory arrangements for the payment thereof. When such cash bonus consideration is paid or escrowed, it shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such person in and to the Gas underlying Subject Drilling Unit in the Subject Lands covered hereby, except, however, for any 1/8th royalties which would

become due pursuant to Paragraph 9.2 hereof.

12. Assignment of Interest: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** is unable to reach a voluntary agreement to share in the Well development and operation in Subject Drilling Unit at a rate of payment agreed to mutually by said Gas Owner or Claimant and the Unit Operator, and said person elects or fails to elect to do other than participate under Paragraph 9.1 above in the Well development and operation in Subject Drilling Unit, then such person shall be deemed to have and shall have assigned unto Unit Operator such person's right, interests, and claims in and to said Well, in Subject Formations in Subject Drilling Unit, and other share in and to Gas production to which such person may be entitled by reason of any election or deemed election hereunder in accordance with the provisions of this Order governing said elections.

13. Unit Operator (or Operator): **Equitable Production Company** shall be and hereby is designated as Unit Operator authorized to drill and operate the Well(s) in Subject Formations in Subject Drilling Unit, all subject to the permit provisions contained in Va. Code §§ 45.1-361.27 et seq.; §§ 4 VAC 25-150 et seq., Gas and Oil Regulations; §§ 4 VAC 25-160 et seq., Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations; Oil and Gas Conservation Board ("OGCB") Order establishing the Nora Coal Bed Gas Field Rules entered March 26, 1989; all as amended from time to time, and all elections required by this Order shall be communicated to Unit Operator in writing at the address shown below:

**Equitable Production Company
Land Administration
P.O. Box 23536
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Attn: Nicole Atkison
Phone: 412-395-2099**

14. Commencement of Operations: Unit Operator shall commence or cause to commence operations for the drilling of the Well within Subject Drilling Unit within seven hundred thirty (730) days from the date of this Order, and shall prosecute the same with due diligence. If the Unit Operator has not so commenced and/or prosecuted, then this order shall terminate, except for any cash sums then payable hereunder; otherwise, unless sooner terminated by Order of the Board, this Order shall expire at 12:00 p.m. on the date on which the well covered by this Order is permanently abandoned and plugged. However, in the even at an appeal is taken from this Order, then the time between the filing of the Petition for Appeal and the Final Order of the Circuit Court shall be excluded in calculating the two-year period referenced herein.

15. Operator's Lien: Unit Operator, in addition to the other rights afforded hereunder, shall have a lien and a right of set off on the Gas estates, rights, and interests owned by any person subject hereto who elects to participate under Paragraph 9.1 in the Subject Drilling Unit to the extent that costs incurred in the drilling or operation on the Subject Drilling Unit are a charge against such person's interest. Such liens and right of set off shall be separable as to each separate person and shall remain liens until

the Unit Operator drilling or operating the Well(s) has been paid the full amounts due under the terms of this Order.

16. Escrow Provisions:

The Applicant represented to the Board that there **are** unknown or unlocatable claimants in Subject Drilling Unit whose payments are subject to the provisions of Paragraph 16; and, the Unit Operator has represented to the Board that there **are** conflicting claimants in the Subject Drilling Unit whose payments are subject to the provisions of Paragraph 16.2 hereof. Therefore, by this Order, the Escrow Agent named herein or any successor named by the Board, **is** required to establish an interest-bearing escrow account for the Subject Drilling Unit (herein "Escrow Account"), and to receive and account to the Board pursuant to its agreement for the escrowed funds hereafter described in Paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2:

Wachovia Bank, N.A.
VA7515
P.O. Box 14061
Roanoke, VA 24038
Attn: Judy Barger

16.1. Escrow Provisions For Unknown or Unlocatable Persons: If any payment of bonus, royalty payment or other payment due and owing under this Order cannot be made because the person entitled thereto cannot be located or is unknown, then such cash bonus, royalty payment, or other payment shall not be commingled with any funds of the Unit Operator and, pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.21.D, said sums shall be deposited by the Unit Operator into the Escrow Account, commencing within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order, and continuing thereafter on a monthly basis with each deposit to be made, by use of a report format approved by the Inspector, by a date which is no later than sixty (60) days after the last day of the month being reported and/or for which funds are being deposited. Such funds shall be held for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of the person 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.

16.2 Escrow Provisions For Conflicting Claimants: If any payment of bonus, royalty payment, proceeds in excess of ongoing operational expenses, or other payment due and owing under this Order cannot be made because the person entitled thereto cannot be made certain due to conflicting claims of ownership and/or a defect or cloud on the title, then such cash bonus, royalty payment, proceeds in excess of ongoing operational expenses, or other payment, together with Participating Operator's Proportionate Costs paid to Unit Operator pursuant to Paragraph 9.1 hereof, if any, (1) shall not be commingled with any funds of the Unit Operator; and (2) shall, pursuant to Va. Code §§ 45.1-361.22.A.2, 45.1-361.22.A.3 and 45.1-361.22.A.4, be deposited by the Operator into the Escrow Account

within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order, and continuing thereafter on a monthly basis with each deposit to be made by a date which is no later than sixty (60) days after the last day of the month being reported and/or for which funds are subject to deposit. Such funds shall be held for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of, the person 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.

17. Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:

17.1. Applicant is **Equitable Production Company**. Applicant is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

17.2. Applicant **Equitable Production Company** has made a delegation of authority to **Equitable Production Company** to explore, develop and maintain the properties and assets of Applicant, now owned or hereafter acquired, and **Equitable Production Company** has accepted this delegation of authority and agreed to explore, develop and maintain those properties and assets, and has consented to serve as Coalbed Methane Gas Unit Operator for Subject Drilling Unit and to faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon it as Unit Operator by statute and regulations;

17.3. Applicant **Equitable Production Company** is an operator in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;

17.4. Applicant **Equitable Production Company** claims ownership of gas leases, Coalbed Methane Gas leases, and/or coal leases representing **56.079333%** percent of the oil and gas interest/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas and **100%** percent of the coal interest/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas in Subject Drilling Unit; and, Applicant claims the right to explore for, develop and produce Coalbed Methane Gas from Subject Formations in Subject Drilling Unit in **Dickenson County**, Virginia, which Subject Lands are more particularly described in **Exhibit A**;

17.5. The estimated total production from Subject Drilling Unit is **275/250 MMCG**. The estimated amount of reserves from the Subject Drilling Unit is **275/250 MMCG**;

17.6. Set forth in **Exhibit B-3**, is the name and last known address of each Owner or Claimant identified by the Applicant as having or claiming an interest in the Coalbed Methane Gas in Subject Formation in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands, who has not, in writing, leased to the Applicant or the Unit Operator or agreed to voluntarily pool his interests in Subject Drilling Unit for its development. The interests of the Respondents listed in **Exhibit B-3** comprise **43.920667%** percent of the oil and gas interests/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas and **0.00%** percent of the coal interests/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas in Subject Drilling Unit;

17.7 Applicant's evidence established that the fair, reasonable and equitable compensation to be paid to any person in lieu of the right to participate in the Wells are those options provided in Paragraph 9 above;

17.8 The relief requested and granted is just and reasonable, is supported by substantial evidence and will afford each person listed and named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto the opportunity to recover or receive, without unnecessary expense, such person's just and fair share of the production from Subject Drilling Unit. The granting of the Application and relief requested therein will ensure to the extent possible the greatest ultimate recovery of Coalbed Methane Gas, prevent or assist in preventing the various types of waste prohibited by statute and protect or assist in protecting the correlative rights of all persons in the subject common sources of supply in the Subject Lands. Therefore, the Board is entering an Order granting the relief herein set forth.

18. Mailing Of Order And Filing Of Affidavit: Applicant or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within sixty (60) days after the date of recording of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of said Order was mailed within seven (7) days from the date of its receipt by Unit Operator to each Respondent named in **Exhibit B-3** pooled by this Order and whose address is known.

19. Availability of Unit Records: The Director shall provide all persons not subject to a lease with reasonable access to all records for Subject Drilling Unit which are submitted by the Unit Operator to said Director and/or his Inspector(s).

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

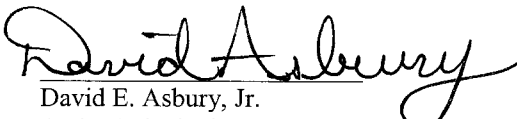
21. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court.

22. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 15th day of July, 2008, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

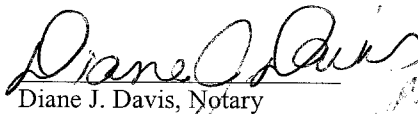

Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 15th day of July, 2008, by Order of the Board.


David E. Asbury, Jr.
Acting Principal Executive to the Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Acknowledged on this 15th day of July 2008, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny R. Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, and appeared David E. Asbury, Jr. being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Acting Principal Executive to the Staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board that they executed the same and were authorized to do so.


Diane J. Davis, Notary
174394

My commission expires: September 30, 2009



EXHIBIT PL-1**Property Ownership Information for EPCO Well # VC-536422 AND VCI-538743**

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LEASE NO. 906889L/ TL-223
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 90
 217.015 ACRES
 STANDARD BANNER COAL CORP.-
 coal (cbm)
 UNLEASED
 DWIGHT D. McCOY, et al.
 oil & gas (cbm)
 GAS 29.01 AC. 49.36%

②

LEASE NO. 906889L/ TL-223
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 90
 217.015 ACRES
 STANDARD BANNER COAL CORP.-
 coal (cbm)
 UNLEASED
 DANNY E. & SANDRA LEE
 PART OF 11 ACRES
 oil & gas (cbm)
 GAS 1.92 AC. 3.27%

③

LEASE NO. 906889L/ TL-223
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 88
 107.00 ACRES
 STANDARD BANNER COAL CORP.- coal (cbm)
 UNLEASED
 SPENCER D. & AUTUMN D. LEE
 9.124 ACRES
 oil & gas (cbm)
 GAS 0.20 AC. 0.34%

④

LEASE NO. 906889L/ TL-223
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 90
 217.015 ACRES-coal
 D.E. SMITH TRACT
 85.04 ACRES-oil & gas
 STANDARD BANNER COAL CORP.-
 coal, oil, gas & cbm
 GAS 20.09 AC. 34.18%

⑤

LEASE NO. 906889L/ TL-223
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 90
 217.015 ACRES-coal
 ELIJAH RASNICK TRACT 38
 173.19 ACRES-surface, oil & gas
 STANDARD BANNER COAL CORP.-
 surface, coal, oil, gas & cbm
 GAS 7.55 AC. 12.85%

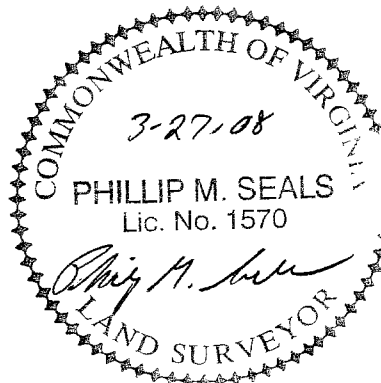


EXHIBIT "B-2"
VC-536422
VCI-538743
REVISED 05/19/08

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
	<u>DISMISSED</u>	<u>Gas Estate Only</u>		
1	Norma McCoy McGill, widow 1143 Hunters Lane, Lot 28 Nashville, TN 37207	Unleased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Harold G. McCoy & Barbara A. McCoy, h/w 662 Cold Springs Road Nora, VA 24272	Unleased	1.645333%	0.9670
TOTAL			3.290667%	1.9340

EXHIBIT "B-3"
VC-536422
VCI-538743
 REVISED 05/19/08

<u>TRACT</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<u>Gas Estate Only</u>				
1	<u>John & Ruth McCoy Heirs</u> Tax ID # 6446			
	Rose Mary McCoy Sturgill, widow P.O. Box 3092 5258 Clearwater Road Wise, VA 24293	Unleased	0.822667%	0.4835
	James R. McCoy, single 1262 Tulip Circle Sevierville, TN 37862	Unleased	0.822667%	0.4835
	Alice Kay McCoy Garrett, single 100 Kingston Road Blountville, TN 37617	Unleased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Laura Gerlene McCoy Taylor, widow 21014 Lovers Lane Bristol, VA 24202-4228	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	<u>Barbara McCoy Herring</u>			
	James P. Herring and Debra A. Herring, h/w 1431 E. State St. Lot #6 Bristol, TN 37620	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Danny Kermit McCoy, single 21014 Lovers Lane Bristol, VA 24202-4228	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	<u>Cassie Carlotta McCoy Walker</u>			
	Pam Walker Day, single 1240 Flatwood Road NW Ramsey, IND 47166	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Shalor Columbus McCoy UNKNOWN	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	<u>Anna Sue McCoy Blevins</u>			
	Ferrell Doug Reed & Deirdre Leann Reed, h/w P.O. Box 2007 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	Carlotta Reed Hawkins & Ross E. Hawkins, w/h Holly Brook Trailer # 10 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813

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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>
	Rita Reed Rose, single P.O. Box 1631 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	Gina (Regina) Reed Patterson & Ralph Patterson, w/h P.O. Box 2003 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	<u>Pearl Grizzel</u>			
	Brownlow Grizzel (husband) Rt. 1 Box 194 Nora, VA 24279	Unleased	9.872000%	5.8020
	<u>Flossie Phillips</u>			
	Mina Lois Summerton & Robert Lowell Summerton, w/h 401 Vine Street Ashland, OH 44805	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Joyce Nell Phillips Cloud, widow 989 N Arthur Street Fresno, CA 93728	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Ruth Phillips, single 201 Vine Street Ashland, OH 44805	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Larry Phillips & Jeweleen Phillips, h/w P.O. Box 366 Nora, VA 24279	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	<u>Neva McCoy</u>			
	Paul J. Pounders (husband of Rebecca) UNKNOWN	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Anthony Paul Pounders (Son of Rebecca) UNKNOWN	Unleased	7.404000%	4.3515
2	Danny E. Lee & Sandra Lee, h/w 594 Highland Road Nora, VA 24272 Tax ID # 5992	Unleased	3.270000%	1.9200
3	Spencer D. Lee Autumn D. Lee, h/w 478 Cold Spring Road Nora, VA 24272 Tax ID # 1827149	Unleased	0.340000%	0.2000
TOTAL			43.920667%	25.8115

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<u>TR</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
<u>Gas Estate Only</u>				
1	<u>John & Ruth McCoy Heirs</u> Tax ID # 6446			
	Rose Mary McCoy Sturgill, widow P.O. Box 3092 5258 Clearwater Road Wise, VA 24293	Unleased	0.822667%	0.4835
	James R. McCoy, single 1262 Tulip Circle Sevierville, TN 37862	Unleased	0.822667%	0.4835
	Dwight D. McCoy & Bonnetta McCoy, h/w 489 Cold Springs Road Nora, VA 24272	Leased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Norma McCoy McGill, widow 1143 Hunters Lane, Lot 28 Nashville, TN 37207	Leased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Alice Kay McCoy Garrett, single 100 Kingston Road Blountville, TN 37617	Unleased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Harold G. McCoy & Barbara A. McCoy, h/w 662 Cold Springs Road Nora, VA 24272	Leased	1.645333%	0.9670
	Joreen Hammons, widow 5707 W. Kesslers Crossing Fredericksburg, VA 22407	Leased 907129	1.645333%	0.9670
	<u>Maynard McCoy</u>			
	Charles Kenneth McCoy & Patricia A. McCoy, h/w 847 Cold Springs Road Nora, VA 24272	Leased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Laura Gerlene McCoy Taylor, widow 21014 Lovers Lane Bristol, VA 24202-4228	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	<u>Barbara McCoy Herring</u>			
	James P. Herring and Debra A. Herring, h/w 1431 E. State St. Lot #6 Bristol, TN 37620	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Danny Kermit McCoy, single 21014 Lovers Lane Bristol, VA 24202-4228	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253

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<u>TR</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>LEASE STATUS</u>	<u>INTEREST WITHIN UNIT</u>	<u>GROSS ACREAGE IN UNIT</u>
	<u>Cassie Carlotta McCoy Walker</u>			
	Pam Walker Day, single 1240 Flatwood Road NW Ramsey, IND 47166	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Shalor Columbus McCoy UNKNOWN	Unleased	1.234000%	0.7253
	Arthur Jerry McCoy 847 Cold Springs Road Nora, VA 24272	Leased	1.234000%	0.7253
	<u>Anna Sue McCoy Blevins</u>			
	Ferrell Doug Reed & Deirdre Leann Reed, h/w P.O. Box 2007 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	Carlotta Reed Hawkins & Ross E. Hawkins, w/h Holly Brook Trailer # 10 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	Rita Reed Rose, single P.O. Box 1631 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	Gina (Regina) Reed Patterson & Ralph Patterson, w/h P.O. Box 2003 Clintwood, VA 24228	Unleased	0.308500%	0.1813
	<u>Pearl Grizzel</u>			
	Brownlow Grizzel (husband) Rt. 1 Box 194 Nora, VA 24279	Unleased	9.872000%	5.8020
	<u>Flossie Phillips</u>			
	Mina Lois Summerton & Robert Lowell Summerton, w/h 401 Vine Street Ashland, OH 44805	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Joyce Nell Phillips Cloud, widow 989 N Arthur Street Fresno, CA 93728	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Ruth Phillips, single 201 Vine Street Ashland, OH 44805	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Larry Phillips & Jeweleen Phillips, h/w P.O. Box 366 Nora, VA 24279	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505

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	<u>Neva McCoy</u>			
	Paul J. Ponders (husband of Rebecca) UNKNOWN	Unleased	2.468000%	1.4505
	Anthony Paul Ponders (Son of Rebecca) UNKNOWN	Unleased	7.404000%	4.3515
2	Danny E. Lee & Sandra Lee, h/w 594 Highland Road Nora, VA 24272 Tax ID # 5992	Unleased	3.270000%	1.9200
3	Spencer D. Lee Autumn D. Lee, h/w 478 Cold Spring Road Nora, VA 24272 Tax ID # 1827149	Unleased	0.340000%	0.2000
	TOTAL		52.970000%	31.1300

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<u>Coal Estate Only</u>				
1	Standard Banner Coal Corporation c/o Mike Clisso P.O. Drawer 750 Wise, VA. 24293 TAX ID # 11636	Leased 906889/TL-223	49.360000%	29.0100
2	Standard Banner Coal Corporation c/o Mike Clisso P.O. Drawer 750 Wise, VA. 24293 TAX ID # 11636	Leased 906889/TL-223	3.270000%	1.9200
3	Standard Banner Coal Corporation c/o Mike Clisso P.O. Drawer 750 Wise, VA. 24293 TAX ID # 11636	Leased 906889/TL-223	0.340000%	0.2
TOTAL			52.970000%	31.1300

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 RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT
 DICKENSON CO.
 AUGUST 7, 2008 AT LUNTAH
 RICHARD W. EDWARDS, CLERK
 RECORDED BY: TL

VIRGINIA: IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DICKENSON COUNTY, 08-07, 2008. This deed was this day
 presented in said office, and upon the certificate of acknowledgment thereto annexed, admitted to record at 11:47 o'clock A.M, after payment of
 \$ 0 tax imposed by Sec. 58.1-802.

Original returned this date to: Omme

TESTE: RICHARD EDWARDS, CLERK
 BY: Daryl Cordell D. CLERK