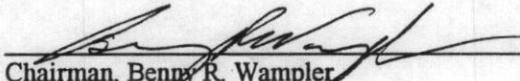


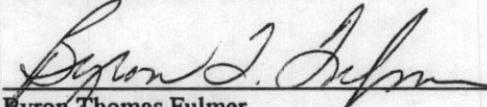
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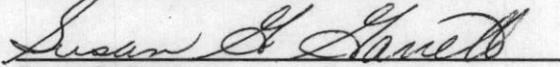

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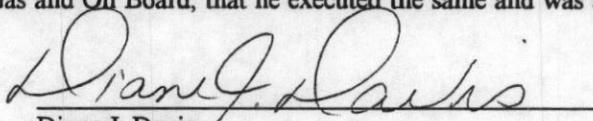
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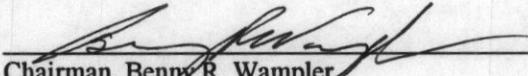

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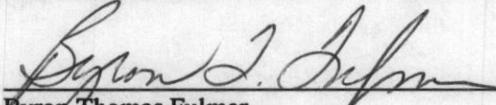
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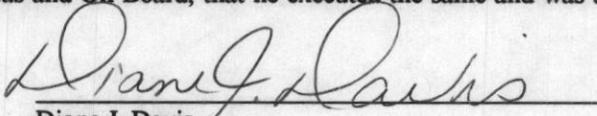
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Re: Spacing Application
Equitable Resources Exploration, Inc.
Dickenson, Wise, Russell, and Buchanan Counties, Virginia
Our File No. 1546-MR-017

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to testimony offered at the January 26, 1989, hearing on this matter, we are hereby submitting plats indicating the size and configuration of drilling units proposed by Equitable Resources Exploration, Inc. ("EREX") for the Nora Coalbed Gas Field. As depicted, each drilling unit is proposed to be a square having sides 1,600 feet in length. Such drilling units would be approximately 58.75 acres in size, more or less. The plats also depict a minimum distance of 300 feet from the outside boundary of each drilling unit within which coalbed methane wells should be located.

Two (2) sets of plats are being submitted with this letter. One set shows drilling units around EREX Well No. PC-1, while the other set shows drilling units in the area around EREX Wells No. PC-101 and PC-102. These two areas have been uniformly spaced so

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that an extension of the approximate 58.75-acre grid from one area to the other will mesh. Seven (7) copies of each of the plats are hereby submitted.

Please let me know should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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RAC:sks

Enclosures

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