

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER REGARDING
ELECTIONS, UNIT: NELW-9

(herein "Subject Drilling Unit")

DOCKET NO. VGOB-91-12/17-0169

REPORT OF BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

1. This Supplemental Order is entered by the Board sua sponte in the form authorized by the Board at its hearing held at 9:00 a.m. on October 20, 1992, Board of Supervisors Room, Courthouse, Grundy, Virginia, and pursuant to authority granted to the Board's Chairman at the hearing of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board on June 16, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rhododendron Restaurant at the Breaks Interstate Park, Breaks, Virginia; and this Supplemental Order is being recorded for the purpose of (1) complying with the requirements of § 7.c of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations, VR 480-05-22.2 by supplementing the Order previously issued by the Board for the subject Docket on April 29, 1992 and recorded at Deed Book 390, Page 646 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Buchanan County, Virginia on May 1, 1992 (herein "Board Order") to complete the record regarding elections. The Board Order pooled all interests in Subject Drilling Unit including those of the Respondents more particularly set forth and identified by the Designated Operator in the affidavits attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board finds it has jurisdiction over the subject matter pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act, § 45.1-361.1 et seq., Virginia Code, 1950 as amended.

2. Findings: The Board finds that:

(a) The Board Order directed Pocahontas Gas Partnership (herein the "Designated Operator"), to mail copies of the Board Order to all Respondents whose interests, if any, were pooled by said Board Order;

(b) The Designated Operator filed its affidavit of mailing dated May 15, 1992 disclosing that it had mailed a true and correct copy of the Board's Order to all Respondents whose interests, if any, were pooled by said Board Order;

(c) The Board Order required each Respondent whose interests, if any, were pooled by the terms of said Board Order to make his or her election within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing or recording, as applicable, of said Order; the Designated Operator has filed its affidavit dated March 15, 1996 in accordance with 7.c of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations and VR 480-05-22.2 (herein "Affidavit of Election"), wherein it has, for each Respondent whose interests, if any, were pooled by said Board Order, stated: (i) whether each Respondent has made or failed to make a timely election; (ii) the nature of the election made, if any; (iii) whether, by reason of a failure to elect or to timely elect one or more

Respondents are deemed, under the terms of the Board's Order, to have leased all their rights, title, interests, estates and claims in Subject Drilling Unit to the Designated Operator;

(d) The Board Order further required the Designated Operator, after expiration of the election period, to file with the Board a statement of the interests subject to escrow under the terms and provisions of the Board Order, in light of the elections made or deemed to have been made (herein "Statement of Interests"); that the Designated Operator furnished said Statement of Interests as part of its Affidavit of Election. A copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(e) Current Board standards requiring the escrow of funds and the Board's agreement with its Escrow Agent, Premier Bankshares Corporation, 29 College Drive, P. O. Box 1199, Bluefield, Virginia 24605, or any successor named by the Board, require the entry of a Supplemental Order establishing of record the elections made or deemed to have been made and specifying the sums or percentage thereof subject to escrow.

3. Order: By this Order, the Board orders the Designated Operator to tender, consistent with and in accordance with the findings set forth at paragraph 2. above and the annexed Affidavits, any funds subject to escrow and instructs the Escrow Agent, Premier Bankshares, Trust Department, 29 College Drive, P. O. Box 1199, Bluefield, Virginia 24605, or any successor named by the Board to establish interest-bearing escrow account(s), IRS Tax Identification Number 54-1629506, in accordance with the information set forth in said Affidavits to receive such funds and account to the Board therefore.

4. Mailing of Order and Filing of Affidavit: The Designated 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 is subject to escrow and 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.

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

DONE AND EXECUTED this 11th day of July 1996, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.


Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WISE)

Acknowledged on this 11th day of July, 1996, 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
Susan G. Garrett
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/31/98

DONE AND PERFORMED this 11th day of July 1996 by Order of this Board.

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

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Acknowledged on this 11th day of July, 1996, personally 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 J. Davis
Notary Public

My commission expires 9/30/97

VIRGINIA:

Exhibit A

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

IN RE:

Application of Pocahontas Gas Partnership, Inc. for Forced Pooling of Interests in Unit Number NELW-9, VGOB Docket No. 92-1217-0169 in the Garden District of Buchanan County, Virginia

AFFIDAVIT OF POCAHONTAS GAS PARTNERSHIP (herein "Designated Operator") REGARDING ELECTIONS, ESCROW AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Leslie K. Arrington (herein Affiant), being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1. That your Affiant is employed by Consol, Inc. and assigned to Pocahontas Gas Partnership, the Designated Operator, at its office located at P.O. Box 947 Bluefield, VA 24605, that your Affiant is the Designated Operator's Permit Specialist, and is authorized to give this Affidavit in its behalf;
2. That the Order entered on April 29, 1992, by the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding the captioned CBM Unit required the Applicant to mail a true and correct copy of said Order to each person pooled by said Order;
3. That within seven (7) days of the receipt of an executed copy of the Order referred to at Paragraph 2. above, your Affiant caused a true and correct copy of said Order to be mailed via the United States Postal Service to each Respondent named in the captioned Application, whose address was known, and to all persons, if any, who were added as Respondents at the hearing held in the captioned matter; that annexed hereto and incorporated herein are copies of the letters of transmittal, receipts for certified mail, and return receipts pertaining to said mailing;
4. That the Order of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board in the captioned matter required all persons pooled thereby to tender their written elections to the Unit Operator within thirty (30) days of the date said Order was recorded in the county above named; that said Order was recorded on May 1, 1992.
5. That the Designated Operator, Consol, Inc., has established procedures to review all mail received and all written documents received by means other than by mail to ascertain whether parties whose interests have been pooled have made a written election, in a timely fashion, as required by the captioned Order; that said procedures were followed to identify the elections, if any, made with regard to Subject Unit; that the following persons delivered, by mail or otherwise, written elections to the Unit Operator, within the thirty day election period:

None

6. That the interests and/or claims of the following persons (who made timely elections, or who are deemed under the terms of the Board's Order to have leased, or who, subsequent to the pooling hearing held in the captioned matter, have leased or otherwise entered into an agreement with the Designated Operator are subject to escrow under the Board's Order pooling the captioned Unit, Board Regulations and the Code of Virginia;

See Attached Exhibit B-3

7. That after the pooling hearing held in the captioned matter, the following persons have leased or entered into a voluntary agreement with the Designated Operator with regard to their interests and/or claims which are not subject to escrow and should, therefore, be dismissed as Respondents:

See attached Exhibit B-2

8. That pursuant to the provisions of VR 480-05-22.27.C and VR 480-05-22.2.8, annexed hereto and incorporated herein is a proposed supplemental order to be entered to complete the record regarding elections; that said annexed supplemental order sets forth and identifies the conflicting claims and/or interests which require escrow of funds pursuant to the terms of §§ 45.1-361.21.D, 45.1-361.22.A.3 and 4.;

Dated at Bluefield, Virginia, this 18th day of MARCH, 1996.

Leslie K. Arrington
Affiant

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by Leslie K. Arrington, the Permit Specialist, of Consol, Inc., a corporation, on behalf of the corporation, this 18th day of March, 1996.

My commission expires: 9/30/97

Diane J. Parks
Notary

UNIT NELW9
Docket # VGOB-91-1119-160 & 91-1217-169
Exhibit B-3
List of Unleased Owners/Claimants

	Net Acres in Unit	Interest in Unit
<u>OIL & GAS FEE OWNERSHIP</u>		
0.60 Acre Tract		
C. L. Ritter Lumber Company P. O. Box 700 Huntington, WV 25711	0.60 acres	0.37244%

UNIT NELW9
Docket # VGOB-91-1119-160 & 91-1217-169
Exhibit B-2
List of Respondents to be Dismissed

	Reason for Dismissal	Net Acres in Unit	Interest in Unit
<u>OIL & GAS FEE OWNERSHIP</u>			
11.00 Acre Tract			
Yukon Pocahontas Coal Co. P. O. Box 187 Tazewell, VA 24651	Leased	11.00 acres	6.82806%
Island Creek Coal Company Drawer L Oakwood, VA 24631 (Potential Claimant as Coal Lessee)	Purchased		
Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation P. O. Box 1473 Charleston, WV 25325 (Potential Claimant as Oil & Gas Lessee)	Lease expired		
OXY USA, Inc. 1600 Front St. Mullins Building Drawer Q Richlands, VA 24641 (Potential Claimant as CBM Lessee)	Purchased		
9.00 Acre Tract			
Yukon Pocahontas Coal Co. P. O. Box 187 Tazewell, VA 24651	Leased	9.00 acres	5.58659%
Island Creek Coal Company Drawer L Oakwood, VA 24631 (Potential Claimant as Coal Lessee)	Purchased		
Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation P. O. Box 1473 Charleston, WV 25325 (Potential Claimant as Oil & Gas Lessee)	Lease expired		
OXY USA, Inc. 1600 Front St. Mullins Building Drawer Q Richlands, VA 24641 (Potential Claimant as CBM Lessee)	Purchased		

STIPULATION AND WAIVER OF INTEREST

Commonwealth of Virginia

County of Buchanan

Party: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

Party's Address: 3 Gateway Center Suite 2000

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Date Executed: July 16, 1993

Effective Date: April 29, 1992

Whereas, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (hereinafter "Cabot") owns various oil and gas leasehold estates underlying acreage situated in Buchanan County, Virginia, in units established by Pocahontas Gas Partnership under Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter the "Board") Docket Nos.: 1) VGOB-91/11/19-0160 (BUNE1); and, 2) VGOB-92/01/21-0180 (SLW5-12), and the units force pooled by PGP under Board Docket Nos.: 1) VGOB-91/12/17-0169 (NELW9); 2) VGOB-92/02/18-0190 (NELW10); 3) VGOB-92/02/18-0185 (SLW7); 4) VGOB-92/04/21-0216 (SLW8); 5) VGOB-92/04/21-0217 (SLW9); 6) VGOB-92/04/21-0218 (SLW10); 7) VGOB-92/08/18-0248 (SLW11); and, 8) VGOB-92/08/18-0249 (SLW12) (hereinafter collectively the "Units").

Whereas, the oil and gas leasehold interests underlying the Units were acquired by Cabot pursuant to numerous leases, assignments, and/or farmouts, which may be of record in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Virginia.

Whereas, all of Cabot's oil and gas leases, assignments, and/or farmouts for property underlying the Units situated in

Buchanan County, Virginia (hereinafter the "Leases"), whether or not of record, are subject to the terms and provisions of this stipulation and waiver of interest.

Whereas, a question has arisen as to the precise mineral interests conveyed, assigned, leased, farmed out and/or covered by the Leases.

Whereas, Pocahontas Gas Partnership (hereinafter "PGP") has force pooled all interests or estates in the Units in Buchanan County, Virginia, pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.22 (Michie Supp. 1992).

Whereas, the ownership of the coalbed methane gas estate in Virginia has not been conclusively determined. Cabot, therefore, desires to establish for the record and stipulate its interest in the leasehold estates in the Leases.

Therefore, in consideration of the sum of One and 00/100 dollars (\$1.00), cash paid in hand, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Cabot agrees, declares and stipulates that the interests acquired and claimed under the Leases are interests in the oil and conventional gas estates only. Cabot hereby declares and stipulates that it does not claim any interest in the coalbed methane gas, in the above described units underlying the acreage covered by the Leases. Cabot also declares and stipulates that it does not wish to be named or included as a conflicting claimant to the coalbed methane gas estate in any force pooling applications, affidavits of elections or supplemental orders regarding elections filed in accordance with Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.22 (Michie Supp.

1992) and Board regulations.

For the consideration hereinbefore stated, Cabot hereby waives the right to make elections under any force pooling action initiated by PGP for the Units.

CABOT OIL & GAS CORPORATION

By: [Signature] PK

Attest: [Signature]

~~STATE OF TEXAS~~ COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29th day of JULY, 1993, by H. BAIRD WHITEHEAD and [Signature] respectively, of Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, a DELAWARE corporation, on behalf of said corporation.

My commission expires: MAY 2, 1996.

[Signature]
Notary Public

[SEAL]

(a) 68-32 (Sup. 11)

Notarial Seal
Susan Gubba, Notary Public
Robinson Twp., Allegheny County
My Commission Expires May 2, 1996
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

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 18th day of July, 1996 1:09 P. M. Deed Book No. 451 and Page No. 47. TESTE: [Signature] James M. Bevins, Jr., Clerk Returned this date to: Dept. Mines TESTE: [Signature] Deputy Clerk Minerals + Energy