

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: EQUITABLE RESOURCES)
 EXPLORATION)
)
RELIEF SOUGHT: EXCEPTION TO)
 STATEWIDE SPACING)
)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
)
 WELL NUMBER V-2342)
 PVRC TRACT NO. T-1601)
 WISE 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 February 18, 1992, at the Virginia 4-H Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. Appearances: Richard A. Counts, Attorney, appeared for the Applicant, and Sandra B. Riggs, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for 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-2342. The Applicant requests the Board's consent to drill Well Number V-2342 closer than 2640 feet to Well Numbers 133745 and V-2326.

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 landman testified that the location exception was necessary to comply with an Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Assessment conducted upon United States Forest Service lands within the Jefferson National Forest. The landman also 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-2342 within 2217.16 feet of Well Number 133745; within 1917.05 feet of Well Number V-2326.

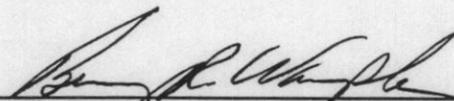
8. Findings: That the well location exception, in accordance with the foregoing, is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act.

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

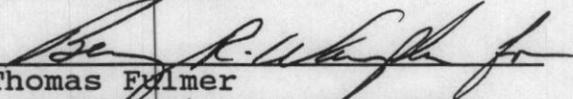
10. Done and executed this 7th day of May, 1992, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

11. Done and performed this 7th day of May, 1992, by Order of this Board.

VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

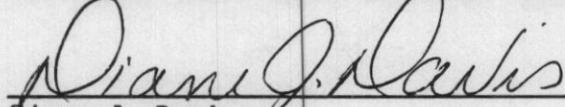

Chairman Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:


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

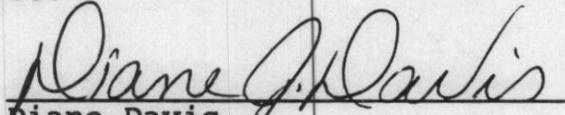
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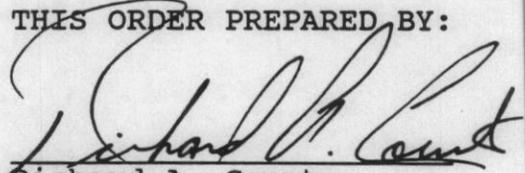
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personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of
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say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he
executed the same and was authorized to do so.

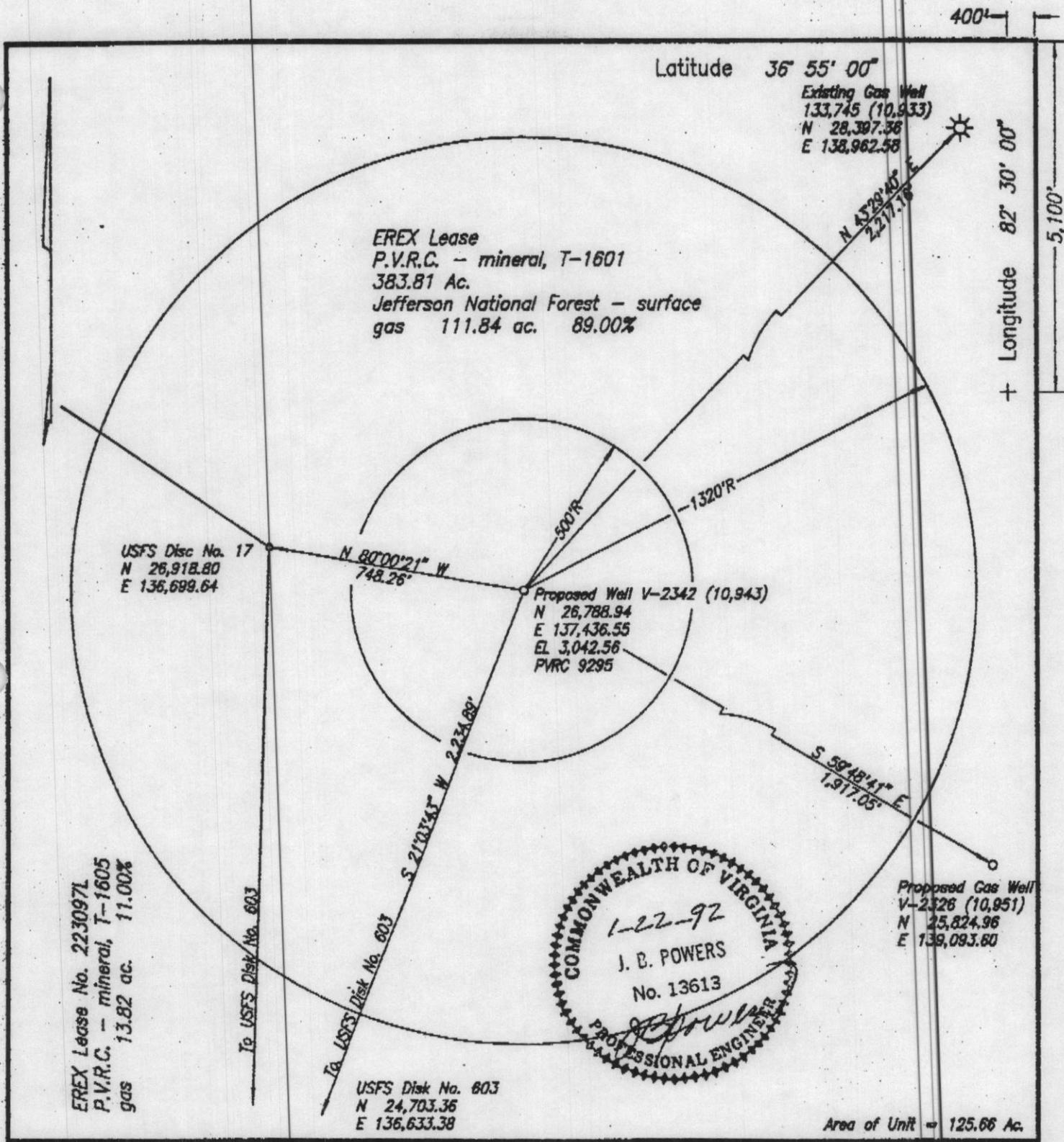

Diane J. Davis
Notary Public
My commission expires 9/23/92

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say that he is Principal Executive to the staff of the Virginia Gas
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THIS ORDER PREPARED BY:

Richard A. Counts



WELL LOCATION PLAT

COMPANY Equitable Resources Exploration WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-2342 (10,943)
 TRACT NO. 1601 ELEVATION 3,042.56 QUADRANGLE Wise
 COUNTY Wise DISTRICT Lipps SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 1-18-1992

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.

J. B. POWERS

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor