

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT:	EQUITABLE RESOURCES EXPLORATION)	
)	
RELIEF SOUGHT:	WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION)	
)	DOCKET NUMBER:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:	VICC TRACT NO. WI-202)	VGOB-92/09/15-0273
	COEBURN QUADRANGLE)	
	LIPPS DISTRICT)	
	WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA)	
	(See Exhibit A for a)	
	specific description.))	

A P P L I C A T I O N1. Parties:

1.1 Applicant herein is Equitable Resources Exploration, a division of Equitable Resources Energy Company, whose address for the purposes hereof is 1989 East Stone Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37660, Telephone: (615) 378-5101. The attorney for Applicant is Richard A. Counts, 2550 East Stone Drive, Suite 120, Kingsport, Tennessee, 37660, Telephone: (615) 378-4999.

1.2 Applicant is the owner of the right to develop and produce oil and gas from all formations, from surface to total depth drilled in accordance with the permit submitted by applicant and located within the Lipps District of Wise County, Virginia, and underlying the lands described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof and to appropriate the oil and gas produced therefrom.

2. Allegation of Facts:

2.1 Applicant has proposed a plan of development and operation of the formations underlying the drilling unit involved herein and described on Exhibit "A" and has proposed to commence such plan of development and operation of such unit by a conventional gas well,

designated as Well Number V-2329, to be drilled upon the lands involved herein so as to produce oil and gas from such unit.

2.2 That the unit described at Exhibit A hereof is subject to statewide spacing as provided under Virginia Code Annotated Section 45.1-361.17 (A) (2). This section provides that "Wells drilled in search of gas shall not be located closer than 2640 feet to any other well completed in the same pool". In consideration of all known conditions, it is the opinion of the Applicant that such distance limitation is not feasible for the unit described at Exhibit A.

2.3 That to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and provide for the maximum safe recovery of the mineral resources underlying the Commonwealth, the Board should allow for an exception to statewide spacing.

2.4 That the proposed well, at the location requested by Applicant, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying the unit described at Exhibit A which cannot be adequately and efficiently drained without an exception to the statewide rules.

2.5 The drilling unit involved herein is a circle having a radius of 1320 feet from the proposed well bore to be located 4250 feet South of the Latitude Line 37 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and 4600 feet West of the Longitude Line 82 degrees 25 minutes and 00 seconds in Coeburn Quadrangle, Wise County, Virginia.

2.6 That EREX well number P-104, an existing well, lies 1908.14 feet North 49 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds East from proposed well V-2329; that EREX well V-2372 (ANR 12), a permitted location, lies 2493.64 feet South 77 degrees 23 minutes 54 seconds East of proposed well V-2329.

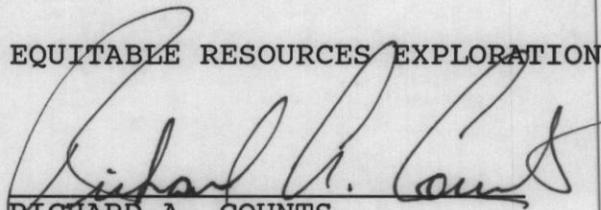
2.7 That proposed well V-2329 is located on a mineral tract consisting of 144.85 acres, known as the VICC J.A. Odle tract, and applicant anticipates producing all formations from surface to total depth drilled.

3. Legal Authority: The relief sought by this Application is authorized by Virginia Code Annotated § 45.1-361.17.

4. Relief Sought: Applicant requests the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to enter an order to enable well V-2329 to be drilled as depicted on the plat attached as Exhibit A and that Applicant be granted the right to produce those formations which appear on the well work permit to be submitted to the Inspector.

DATED this 17th day of August, 1992.

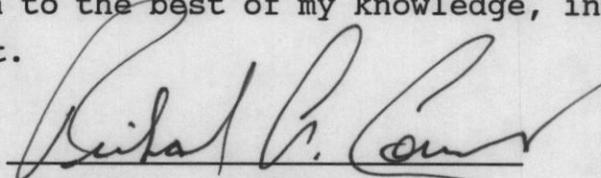
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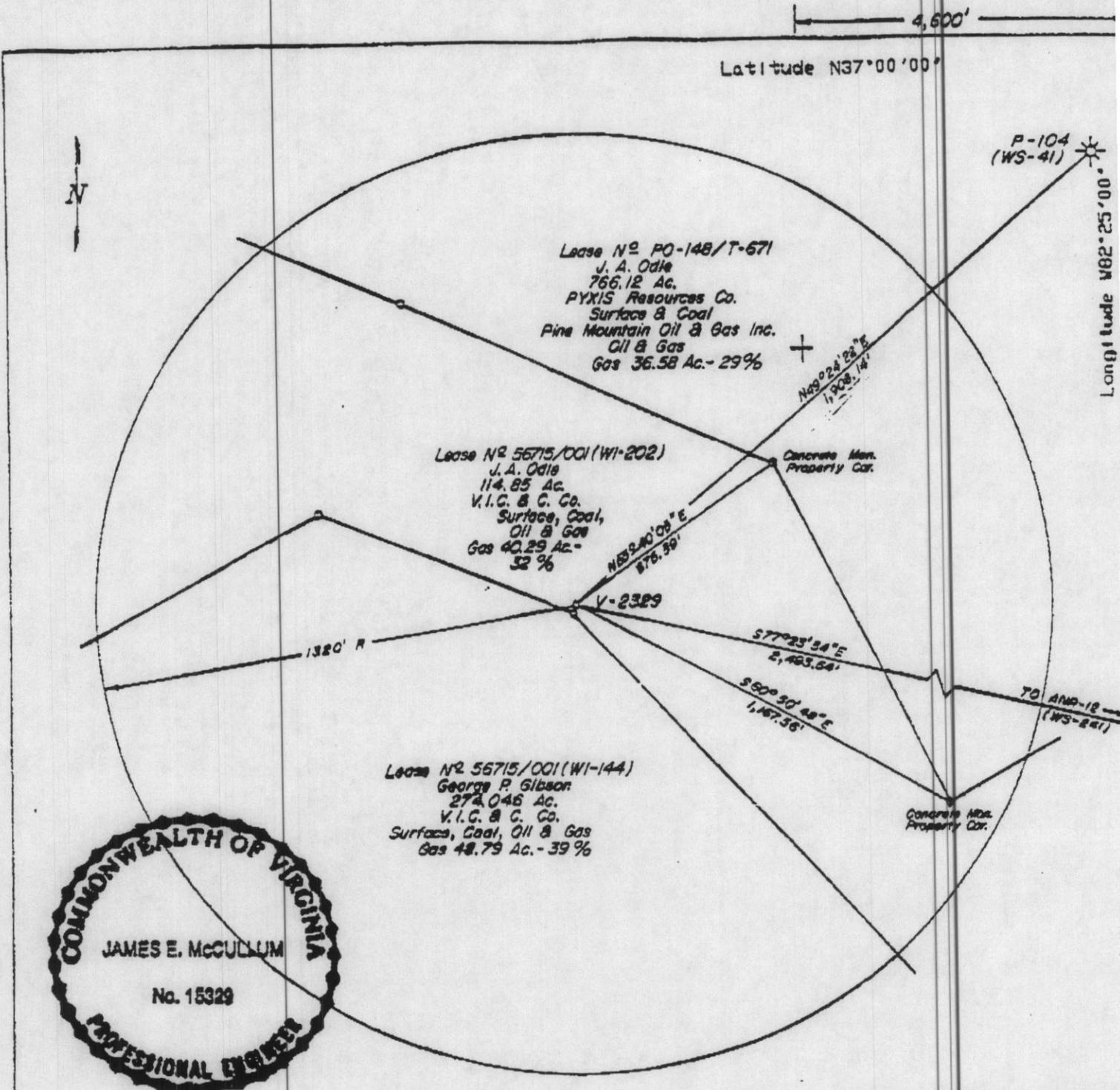
CERTIFICATE

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



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Area of Unit - 125.66 ac.
 Well Elevation determined by trigonometric leveling
 from VICE Survey Mark No. - FULLER GAP CONTROL MONUMENT

Well Coordinates (VA State Plane)
 N 262,332.30' E 851,717.99'

WELL LOCATION MAP

COMPANY Fairtable Resources Exploration WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-2329
 TRACT NO. VI-202 ELEVATION 2457.28' QUADRANGLE COEBURN
 COUNTY WISE DISTRICT LIPS SCALE 1"-400' DATE 12/17/91

This plat is a new plat 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 shown.

James E. McCullum 12/19/91
 Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor