

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: EQUITABLE RESOURCES EXPLORATION)	
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RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION)	
)	DOCKET NUMBER:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PVRC TRACT NO. TK-68)	VGOB-92/09/15-0274
APPALACHIA QUADRANGLE)	
RICHMOND 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 Richmond 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 proposes to deepen existing well number 133506. Applicant is currently producing the Big Lime formation at a depth of 4,007 feet and has proposed to deepen such conventional gas well to a depth of 5,400 feet and to produce such additional formations, including the Devonian Shale, as may be encountered.

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 deepening of well number 133506, 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 11,700 feet South of the Latitude Line 37 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and 8,420 feet West of the Longitude Line 82 degrees 45 minutes and 00 seconds in Appalachia Quadrangle, Wise County, Virginia.

2.6 That EREX well number 133509 (170), an existing well, lies 2111.04 feet North 38 degrees 07 minutes 50 seconds East from proposed well 133506; that EREX well 133513 (185), an existing well, lies 2029.40 feet South 25 degrees 31 minutes 07 seconds East of proposed well 133506; that EREX well number 133521 (217) lies 2448.74 feet South 49 degrees 59 minutes and 28 seconds West from proposed well 133506; that EREX well 133503 (155) an existing well lies 2012.74 feet North 23 degrees 45 minutes 53 seconds West from proposed well number 133506.

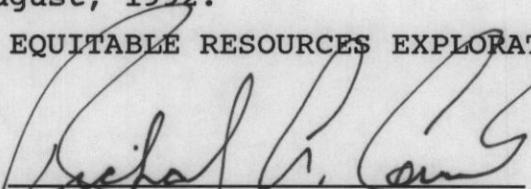
2.7 That proposed well number 133506 (166) is located on a mineral tract consisting of 48.40 acres, known as the PVRC Val Tyree Tract No. TK-68, and applicant anticipates producing all formations from surface to total depth drilled.

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 number 133506 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.

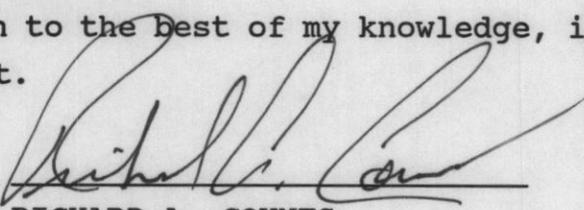
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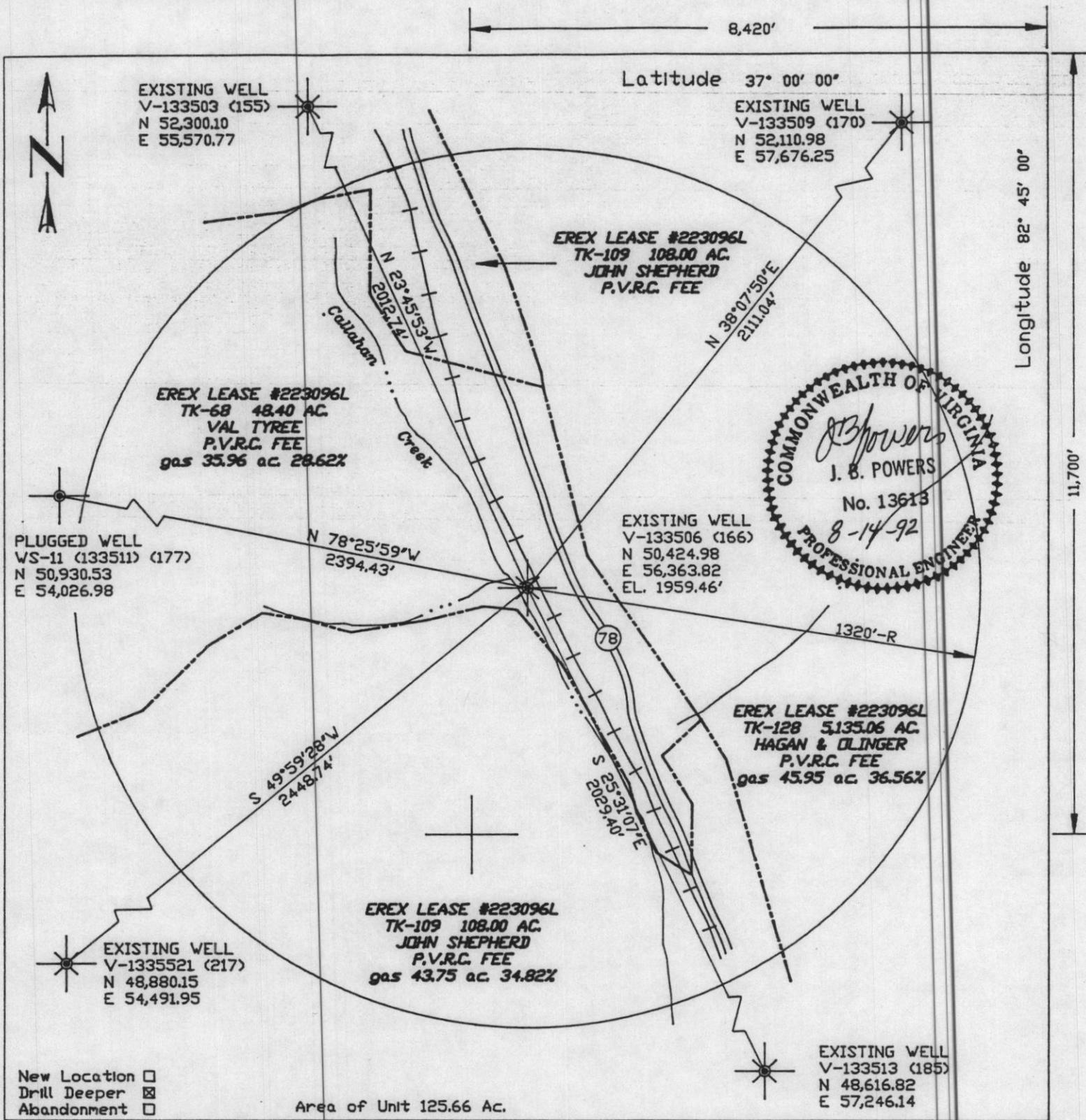
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The foregoing Application to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.



RICHARD A. COUNTS

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WELL LOCATION PLAT

Company EQUITABLE RESOURCES EXPLORATION Well Name and Number V-133506 (166)
 Tract No. 68 Elevation 1959.46' Quadrangle APPALACHIA
 County WISE District RICHMOND Scale: 1 = 400' Date 8-14-92

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 respresented by border lines as shown.

J.B. POWERS (Affix Seal)
 Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor

EXHIBIT A