

## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: EQUITABLE RESOURCES EXPLORATION )  
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 RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION )  
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 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PVRC TRACT NO. TK-128 )  
 APPALACHIA QUADRANGLE )  
 RICHMOND DISTRICT )  
 WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA )  
 (See Exhibit A for a )  
 specific description.) )

DOCKET NUMBER:  
 VGOB-92/09/15-0275

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 133513. Applicant is currently producing the Big Lime formation at a depth of 3,955 feet and has proposed to deepen such conventional gas well to a depth of 5,340 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 133513, 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 13,500 feet South of the Latitude Line 37 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds and 7,700 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 133515 (195), an existing well, lies 2474.73 feet South 09 degrees 02 minutes 38 seconds West from proposed well 133513; that EREX well 133506 (166), an existing well, lies 2029.40 feet North 25 degrees 31 minutes 07 seconds West of proposed well 133513.

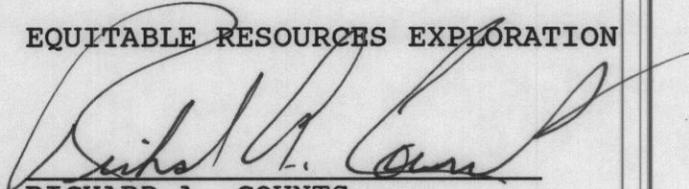
2.7 That proposed well number 133513 (195) is located on a mineral tract consisting of 5135.06 acres, known as the PVRC Hagan and Oliner Tract No. TK-128, and applicant anticipates producing all formations from surface to total depth drilled.

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 133513 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.

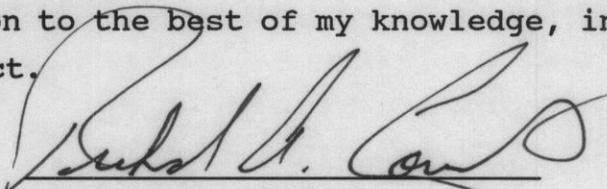
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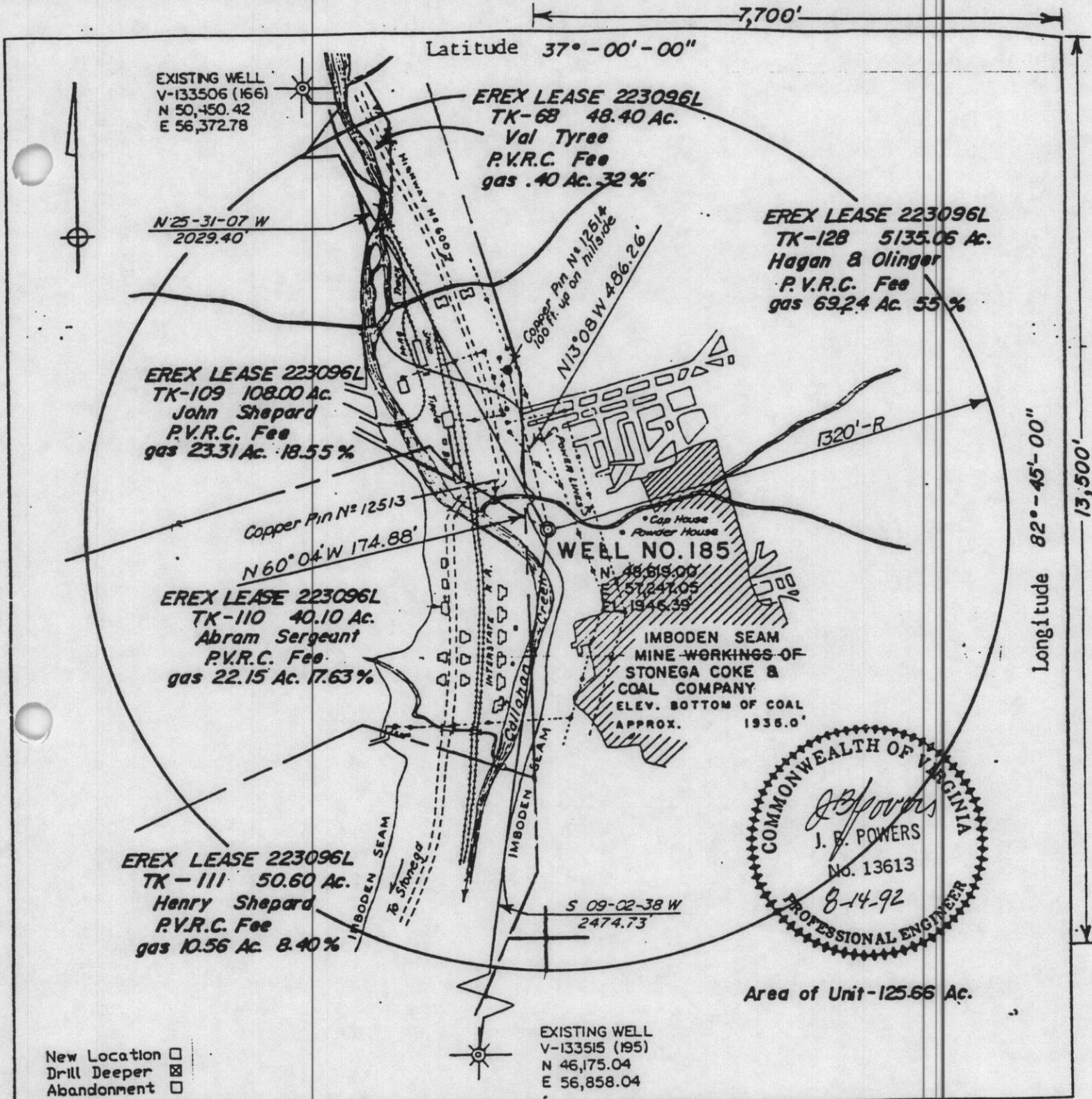
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CERTIFICATE

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



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WELL LOCATION PLAT

Company EQUITABLE RESOURCES EXPLORATION Well Name and Number VAP-133513 (185)  
 Tract No. 128 Elevation 1946.39' 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 represented by border lines as shown.

J.B. POWERS

(Affix Seal)

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor