

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT:	EQUITABLE RESOURCES)	DIVISION OF
	EXPLORATION)	GAS AND OIL
)	DOCKET NO.
RELIEF SOUGHT:	EXCEPTION TO)	VGOB-93-0216-0334
	STATEWIDE SPACING)	
	LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED)	
	BY VIRGINIA CODE ANN.)	
	§ 45.1-361.17(A)(2))	
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)	
)	
	WELL NUMBER V-2692)	
	ELLIS KENT HOPKINS SURFACE)	
	OIL AND GAS TRACT)	
	COEBURN QUADRANGLE)	
	GLADEVILLE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT)	
	WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, as)	
	depicted on Exhibit A hereto)	

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 16, 1993, at the Southwest Virginia 4-H Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. Appearances: James E. Kaiser and Douglas S. Tweed, of the law firm Hunter, Smith and Davis, appeared for the Applicant, and Sandra B. Riggs, Assistant Attorney General, was present to advise 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 EREX Well Number V-2692 for the production of conventional gas from the surface to total depth drilled of 4500 feet and all areas in between, including, but not limited to the Devonian Shales, Sunbury, Berea, Weir, Ravencliff, Maxon and Big Lime Formations, all in accordance with Applicant's well work permit. The Applicant requests the Board's consent to drill Well Number V-2692 closer than 2640 feet to EREX Wells Numbered V-2345 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.

Evidence presented to the Board under VGOB Docket No. 92-0915-0270 and VGOB No. 92-0915-0271, which evidence was incorporated into these proceedings by reference as they pertain to the environmental constraints and effective land management practices imposed by the United States Forest Service as a result of an environmental assessment conducted by said

United States Forest Service, upon the surface and mineral estates owned by them, including areas affected by Subject Drilling Unit.

A qualified landsman testified that the location exception was necessary due to environmental constraints, accommodation of other mineral interests and effective land management practices.

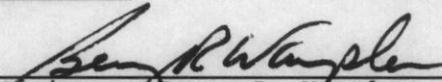
A qualified petroleum geologist testified that the granting of the location exception was in the best interest of preventing waste, protecting correlative rights and maximizing recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the drilling and spacing unit.

7. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause be and hereby is granted allowing the applicant to permit and drill Well Number V-2692 within 2600.48 feet of EREX Well Number V-2345 and within 2077.49 feet of EREX Well Number V-2326.

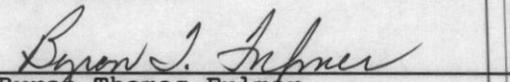
8. Findings: That the well location exception, in accordance with the foregoing, is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act.

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

DONE AND EXECUTED this 16th day of March, 1993, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.


Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 10th day of March, 1993, by Order of this Board.


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

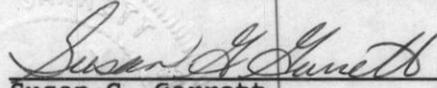
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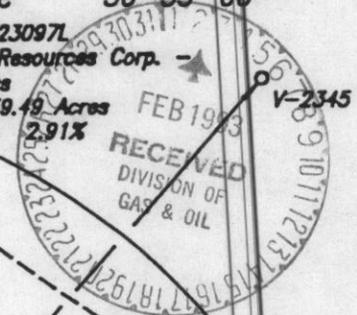
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Latitude 36° 55' 00"

EREX Lease 223097L
Penn Virginia Resources Corp.
coal, oil & gas
Tr. 1602, 3939.49 Acres
Gas 3.66 Ac. 2.91%



Longitude 82° 27' 30"
5,250'

EREX Lease 223097L
Penn Virginia Resources Corp.
coal, oil & gas
Tr. 1601
383.81 Acres
Gas 21.50 Ac., 17.11%

1320'R
Route 663
Mobile Home
V-2692

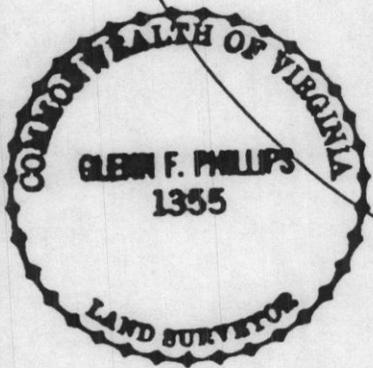
N 48°10' E
2600.48'

S 9°44'28" W
104.71'

S 28°22'47" W
110.35'

EREX Lease 242403L
Ellis Kent Hopkins -
surface, coal, oil & gas
100 Acres
Gas 83.61 Ac. 66.54%

EREX Lease 223410L & 241783L
Martha C. Clay, et al - surface, oil & gas
350 Acres
Gas 16.89 Ac. 13.44%



Well elevation determined by trigonometric leveling from proposed Well No. V-2345

Area of Unit = 125.66 Ac.

Well Coordinates: (St. Plane, Va. S. Zone)
N 231,787.62 E 833,861.88

WELL LOCATION PLAT

COMPANY Equitable Resources Exploration WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-2692
TRACT NO. 242403L ELEVATION 2834.69 QUADRANGLE Coeburn
COUNTY Wise DISTRICT Gladeville SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 11-30-1992

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.

Glenn F. Phillips

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor