

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT:	EQUITABLE RESOURCES)	DIVISION OF
	EXPLORATION)	GAS AND OIL
RELIEF SOUGHT:	EXCEPTION TO)	DOCKET NO.
	STATEWIDE SPACING)	VGOB-93-0420-0350
	LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED)	
	BY VIRGINIA CODE ANN.)	
	§ 45.1-361.17(A)(2))	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)	
)	
	WELL NUMBER V-1831)	
	PVRC TRACT NO. 1121)	
	CLINTWOOD, VA 7.5' QUADRANGLE)	
	WILLIS MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT)	
	DICKENSON 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 April 21, 1993, Ratliff Hall, Southwest Virginia 4-H Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

2. Appearances: Douglas S. Tweed, Attorney with the 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-1831 for the production of conventional gas from the surface to total depth drilled of 4370 feet and all areas in between, including, but not limited to the Devonian Shales, Berea, Sunbury, 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-1831 closer than 2640 feet to EREX Wells numbered P-502 and P-465, all as depicted on composite exhibit A hereto.

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 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.

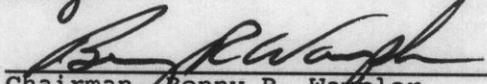
A qualified mining engineer testified that the granting of the location exception was necessary for mine safety and, in order to accommodate present as well as future mine operations. The mining engineer also testified that the location exception was in the best interest of preventing waste, protecting 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-1831 within 2442.82 feet of EREX Well Number P-502 and within 2568.14 feet of EREX Well Number P-465; provided, however, that Applicant first obtains final approval from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers for the well location for said Well Number V-1831 as depicted in Composite Exhibit A hereto.

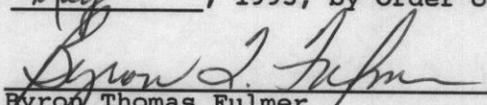
8. Findings: That the well location exception, in accordance with the foregoing, is necessary to prevent waste, protect correlative rights and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act.

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

DONE AND EXECUTED this 5th day of May, 1993, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

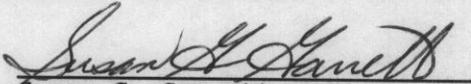

Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 5th day of May, 1993, by Order of this Board.

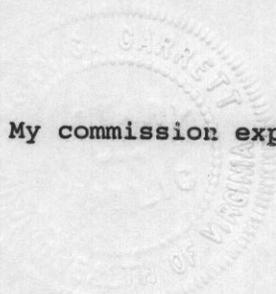

Byron Thomas Fulmer
Principal Executive To The Staff
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Acknowledged on this 5th day of May, 1993, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Susan G. Garrett
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/31/94



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Acknowledged on this 5th day of May, 1993, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Byron T. Fulmer, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the Staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.

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My commission expires 9/30/97

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PROPOSED ACCESS

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Ls. # P0-148
T-813
Pine Mountain Oil & Gas - oil & gas
273 Ac.
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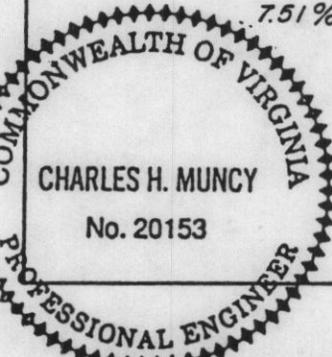
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P-465

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WELL LOCATION PLAT

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+ 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.

Charles H. Muncy
Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor

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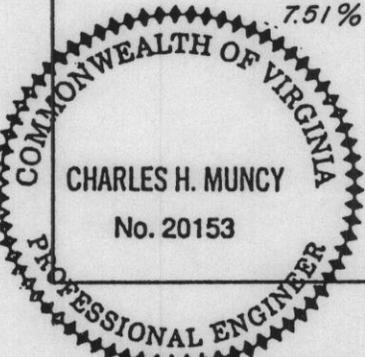
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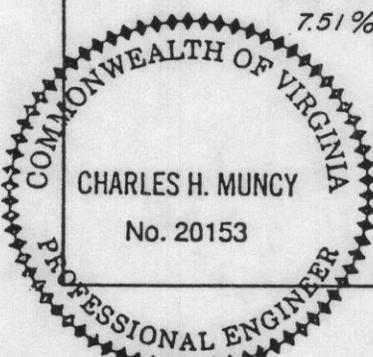
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