

V I R G I N I A:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY)
COMPANY, a West Virginia) VIRGINIA GAS
Corporation) AND OIL BOARD
)
RELIEF SOUGHT: EXCEPTION TO) DOCKET NO.
STATEWIDE SPACING) 98-0519-0667
LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED)
BY VIRGINIA CODE ANN.)
§ 45.1-361.17(A)(2))
)
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
)
WELL NUMBER V-2433)
PENN VIRGINIA RESOURCES CORPORATION)
TRACT NO. 64)
APPALACHIA QUADRANGLE)
RICHMOND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT)
WISE 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 May 19, 1998, Dickenson Conference Room, Southwest Virginia Education 4-H Center, Abingdon, Virginia.
2. Appearances: James E. Kaiser of Wilhoit & Kaiser, 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 entitled to notice of this proceeding.
4. Relief Requested: Applicant requests an exception to the statewide spacing requirements set forth in Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well Number V-2433 for Applicant's development and operation of Conventional Gas from the Mississippian and Devonian Age formations including the Base Lee Sands, Ravencliff, Maxon, Big Lime, Borden, (Weir), Sunbury Shale (Coffee), Berea and Devonian Shales formations, from surface to total depth drilled of 5,525 feet, excluding coalbeds and rock strata associated therewith ("Subject Formations"). Applicant requests the Board's consent to drill Well Number V-2433 1913.91 feet from existing EREC Well Number 10004 and 2,004.75 feet from existing EREC Well Number V-2437 at the location depicted on Exhibit A hereto.

5. Amendments: None.

6. Reasons Relief Should Be Granted: Evidence presented on behalf of the Applicant shows, and the Board finds that:

(1) Applicant proposes to operate Well V-2433 for the purpose of producing Conventional gas. The location depicted on Exhibit A for Well V-2433 does not represent a legal location for a Conventional gas well in that said location does not comply with the statewide spacing limitations established by Va. Code § 45.1-361.17.

(2) The proposed Well V-2433 is located on an oil and gas tract consisting of 163.79 acres, known as the Penn Virginia Resources Corporation Tract 64. The acreage in all the surrounding drilling units are voluntarily leased to the Applicant who operates all reciprocal wells. Thus, the granting of the application herein will not impact on the correlative rights of any person.

(3) By letter dated May 14, 1998 from Penn Virginia Coal Company to the Applicant, the coal operator consented to the well location for proposed Well V-2433 depicted on Exhibit A and indicated that said coal operator was unable to find another location for proposed Well V-2433 which would not significantly interfere with the mining and recovery of coal in the area of Subject Drilling Unit.

(4) An expert witness testified that the granting of the location exception is necessary to accommodate the mining and recovery of coal in the vicinity of the well, to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying Subject Drilling Unit, and is in the best interest of preventing waste, protecting correlative rights and maximizing recovery of Conventional Gas underlying Subject Drilling 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-2433 1,913.91 feet from existing EREC Well 10004 and 2,004.75 feet from existing EREC Well Number V-2437 at the location depicted on Exhibit A hereto for the purpose of producing Conventional gas therefrom.

8. Findings: That the well location exception is needed in order to prevent waste, 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 7th day of July, 1998, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

Benny R. Wampler
Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 13th day of July, 1998, by Order of this Board.

Byron Thomas Fulmer
Byron Thomas Fulmer
Principal Executive to the Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WISE)

Acknowledged on this 7th day of July, 1998, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny R. 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.

Gloria A. Clark
Gloria A. Clark
Notary Public

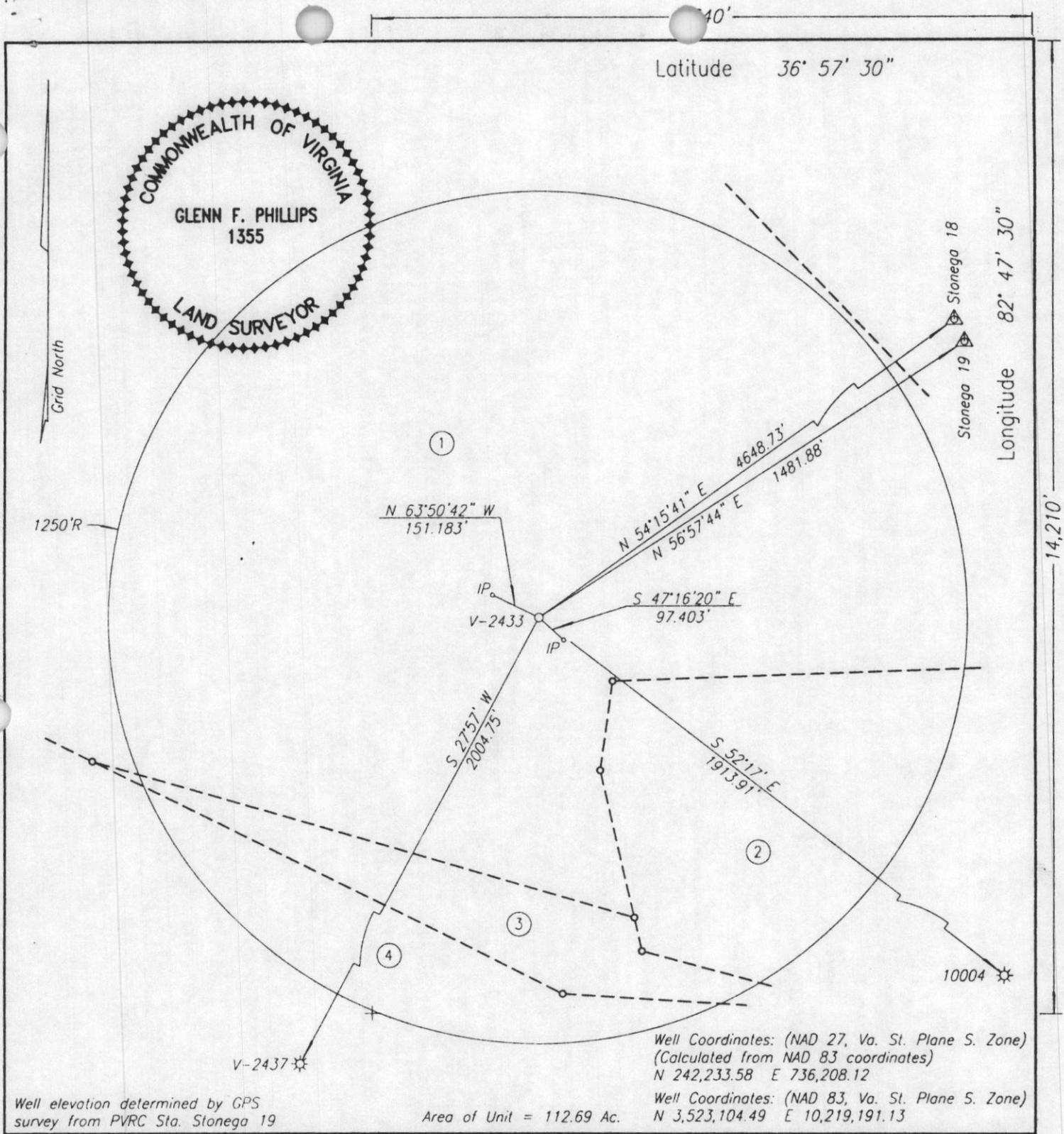
My commission expires: 12/31/98

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

Acknowledged on this 13th day of July, 1998, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Byron Thomas 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.

Diane J. Davis
Diane J. Davis
Notary Public

My commission expires September 30, 2001



WELL LOCATION PLAT

COMPANY Equitable Resources Energy Company WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-2433
 TRACT NO. Tk. 64 ELEVATION 2117.54 QUADRANGLE Appalachia
 COUNTY Wise DISTRICT Richmond SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 5-04-1998

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

V-2433 PLAT
TRACT OWNERSHIP INFORMATION SCHEDULE

- 1 . Lease No. 223096L / TK 64
Penn Virginia Resources Corporation - oil & gas
Penn Virginia Coal Company - surface & coal
H. A. Cress
163.79 Acres
Gas 81.88 Ac. 72.66%

- 2 . Lease No. 223096L / TK 58
Penn Virginia Resources Corporation - oil & gas
Penn Virginia Coal Company - surface & coal
W. H. Nickels
128.46 Acres
Gas 16.36 Ac. 14.52%

- 3 . Lease No. 223096L / TK 65
Penn Virginia Resources Corporation - oil & gas
Penn Virginia Coal Company - surface & coal
H. A. Cress
8.43 Acres
Gas 6.47 Ac. 5.74%

- 4 . Lease No. 223096L / TK 50
Penn Virginia Resources Corporation - oil & gas
Penn Virginia Coal Company - surface & coal
Clarkston & Kelly
695.0 Acres
Gas 7.98 Ac. 7.08%

EXHIBIT B

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