

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: BUCHANAN PRODUCTION COMPANY) VIRGINIA GAS
AND OIL BOARD)
RELIEF SOUGHT: APPLICATION TO POOL INTERESTS)
IN DRILLING UNIT T-27 OF THE) DOCKET NO.
OAKWOOD COALBED METHANE GAS) 00-1219-0850
FIELDS I AND II (herein "Subject Drilling)
Unit") PURSUANT TO VA. CODE § 45.1-)
361.21 FOR THE PRODUCTION OF)
OCCLUDED NATURAL GAS FROM)
COALBED AND ROCK STRATA)
ASSOCIATED THEREWITH (herein)
Referred to as "Coalbed Methane Gas" or)
"Gas"))
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
DRILLING UNIT T-27)
KEEN MOUNTAIN QUADRANGLE)
GARDEN DISTRICT,)
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA)
(herein the "Subject Lands"))

REPORT OF THE BOARD

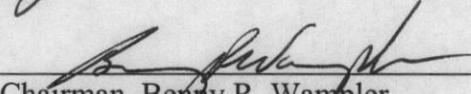
ORDER OF DISMISSAL

1. Hearing Date and Place: This matter came on for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereafter "Board") at 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2000, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia.
2. Appearances: Mark A. Swartz of the firm Swartz & Stump, L.C. appeared for the Applicant; and Sandra B. Riggs, Assistant Attorney General, was present to advise the Board.
3. Jurisdiction: Pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.1 *et seq.*, the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter.
4. Relief Requested: Buchanan Production Company's application in this matter sought to have the Board: (1) pool the Gas rights, interests and estates in Subject Drilling Unit for the drilling and operation, including production thereof, from the pool defined as all coalbed and coal seams below the Tiller

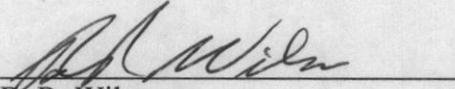
Seam (hereafter "Subject Formation"); and (2) name CONSOL Inc. as the Operator of Subject Drilling Unit. At the hearing of this matter, Applicant asked that the Applicant be permitted to withdraw its Application without prejudice.

5. Relief Granted: There being no objections, the Board hereby grants Applicant's Motion to withdraw its Application filed in the above-styled cause and hereby dismisses said Application without prejudice.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 19th day of January, 2001, by the Chairman on behalf of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

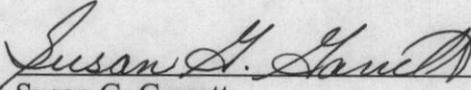

Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 22nd day of January, 2001 by Order of the Board.


B. R. Wilson
Principal Executive to the Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WISE)

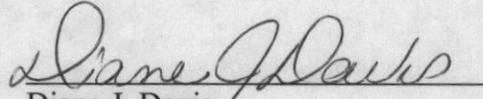
Acknowledged on this 19th day of January, 2001, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny R. Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Susan G. Garrett
Notary Public

My commission expires July 31, 2002.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

Acknowledged on this 22nd day of January, 2001, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared B. R. Wilson, 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

Notary Public

My commission expires September 30, 2001.

PROPERTY LINES SHOWN WERE TAKEN FROM MAPS PROVIDED BY CONSOL Inc. AND WERE NOT SURVEYED.

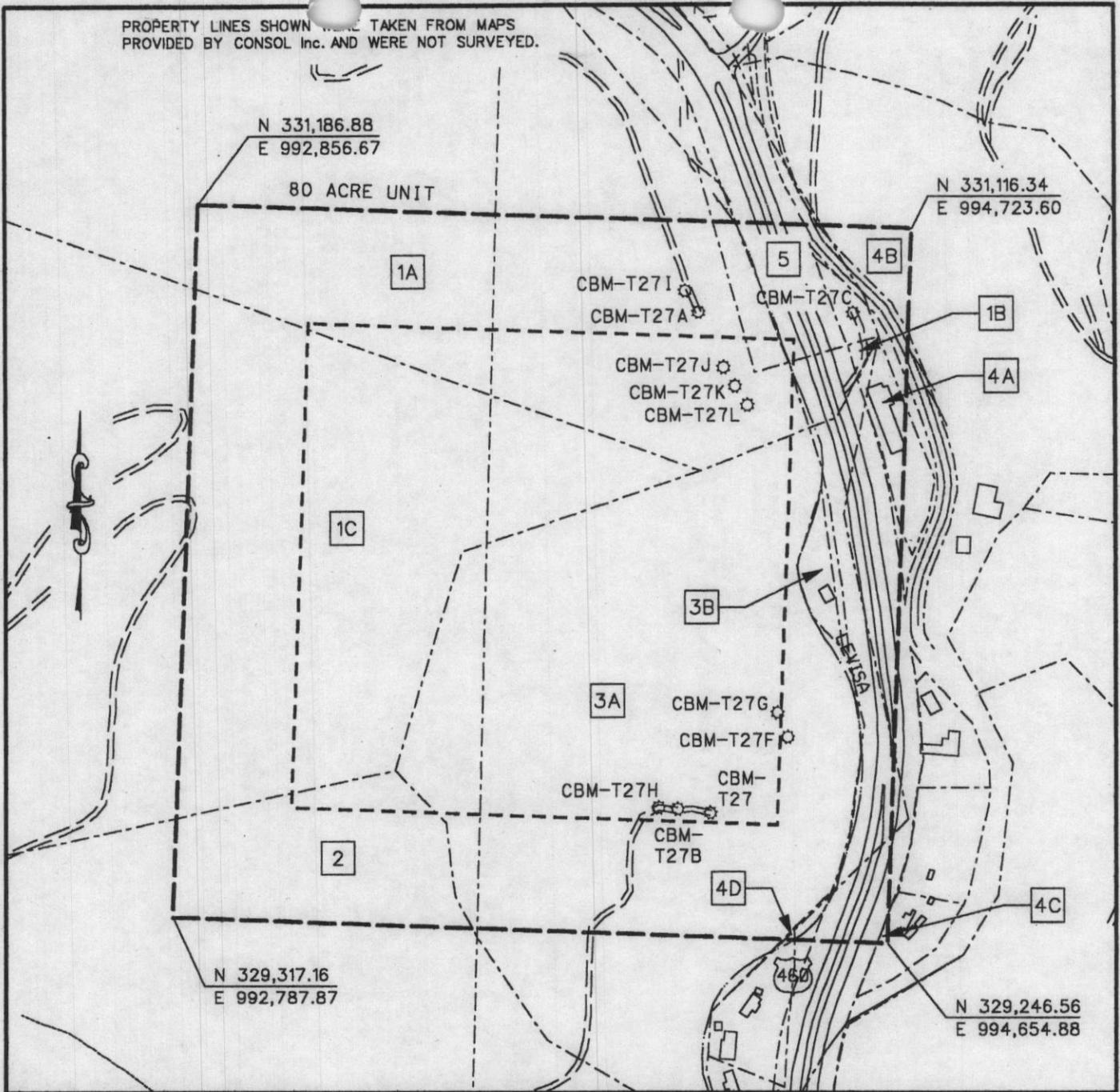


EXHIBIT A
 OAKWOOD FIELD UNIT T-27
 FORCE POOLING
 VGOB-00-1219-0850

Company CONSOL Inc. Well Name and Number UNIT T27
 Tract No. _____ Elevation _____ Quadrangle Keen Mountain
 County Buchanan District Garden Scale: 1" = 400' Date 01/15/01
 This plat is a new plat X ; an updated plat _____ ; or a final plat _____

Form DGO-60-7
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Claude O. Noyes
 Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor

