

V I R G I N I A:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company)
) VIRGINIA GAS
) AND OIL BOARD
 RELIEF SOUGHT: **EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE SPACING**)
 LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY VA. CODE) DOCKET NO.
 § 45.1-361.17(a) (2) FOR WELL) 05/09/20-1496
V-535453)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DRILLING UNIT SERVED BY WELL NUMBERED)
V-535453 TO BE DRILLED IN THE LOCATION)
 DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT A HERETO,)
Jean Johnson Robinson Tract)
Caney Ridge QUADRANGLE,)
Kenady MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT,)
DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA)
 (the "Subject Lands" are more particularly)
 described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto)
 and made a part hereof))

REPORT OF THE BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

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 September 20, 2005, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center on the campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia.
2. Appearances: James E. Kaiser appeared for the Applicant.
3. Jurisdiction and Notice: Pursuant to Va. Code § 45.1-361.1 et seq., the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a meaningful search of reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of each gas and oil owner, coal owner, or mineral owner having an interest in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands; (2) has represented to the Board that it has given notice to those parties (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19 to notice of this application; and (3) that the persons set forth in

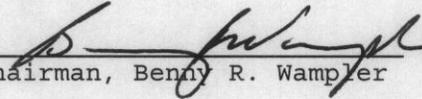
Exhibit B hereto have been identified by Applicant as owners of Gas interests underlying Subject Drilling Unit, including those who have not heretofore leased, sold or voluntarily agreed with the Applicant to pool their Gas interests in Subject Drilling Unit. Further, the Board has caused notice of this hearing to be published as required by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19.B. Whereupon, the Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of state due process.

4. Amendments: **None**
5. Dismissals: **None**
6. Relief Requested: Applicant requests (1) an exception to the statewide spacing limitations set forth in Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. P-550423.
7. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause be and hereby is granted. The Board hereby grants Applicant consent to permit and drill proposed Well No. V-535453, 2462.23 feet from existing Well No. V-535456 at the location depicted on the Plat attached hereto;
8. Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:
 - 8.1 Applicant is Equitable Production Company a West Virginia Corporation. Applicant is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
 - 8.2 Applicant Equitable Production Company is an operator in the Commonwealth of Virginia and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;
 - 8.3 Applicant claims ownership of Conventional Gas leases of **100%** percent of Subject Drilling Unit and the right to explore for, develop and produce Gas from same, i.e., Well No. V-535453 as well as from reciprocal well, i.e., Well V-535456.
 - 8.4 The proposed Well V-535453 is located on a surface, coal, oil and gas tract consisting of **14.08** acres known as Jean Johnson Robinson Tract and the surface, coal, gas and oil owner has consented to the proposed location for Well V-535453 that is depicted on the Plat attached hereto as Exhibit A;
 - 8.5 The Applicant testified it has the right to operate and develop the reciprocal Well V-535456, and that the granting of the application filed herein will not impact the correlative rights of any person;
 - 8.6 An exception to the well spacing requirements of Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well V-535453 is necessary to efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying Subject Drilling Unit, and the Board's granting

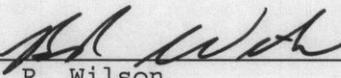
of the requested location exception is in the best interest of preventing the waste of 300 million cubic feet of Conventional Gas underlying Subject Drilling Unit, and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act;

- 8.7 Applicant proposes the drilling of Well No. V-535453 to a depth of 5926 feet on the Subject Drilling Unit at the location depicted in Exhibit A to produce all the Mississippian and Devonian age formations including, but not limited to, Base Lee Sands, Ravencliff, Maxon, Little Lime, Big Lime, Top Weir, Base Weir, Sunbury, Berea, Cleveland, Upper Huron, Middle Huron, Lower Huron, and Olentangy, from surface to a total depth of 5926 feet (Subject Formations");
- 8.8 Applicant proposes to drill Well V-535453 a distance of 37.77 feet closer to Gas Well V-535456 than the 2500 feet mandated by statewide spacing;
- 8.9 Applicant proposes to complete and operate Well V-535453 for the purpose of producing Conventional Gas;
- 9 Mailing Of Order And Filing Of Affidavit: Applicant or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of said Order was mailed within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this Order to each person pooled by this Order whose address is known.
10. Availability of Unit Records: The Director shall provide all persons not subject to a lease with reasonable access to all records for Subject Drilling Unit which are submitted by the Unit Operator to said Director and/or his Inspector(s).
11. Conclusion: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.
12. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court. Such appeals must be taken in the manner prescribed in the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code Ann. § 9-6.14:1 et seq. and Rule 2A of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court.
13. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective on the date of its execution.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 13th day of October, 2005 by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

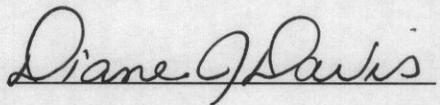

Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

DONE AND PERFORMED this 13th day of October, 2005 by Order of this Board.


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

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COUNTY OF ~~WISE~~ Washington

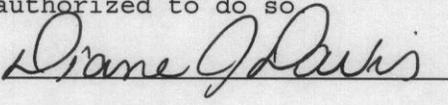
Acknowledged on this 13th day of October, 2005 personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/30/09

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON)

Acknowledged on this 13th day of October, 2005 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.


Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/30/09

TOTAL UNIT AREA
= 112.69 ACRES

LATITUDE 37°05'00"

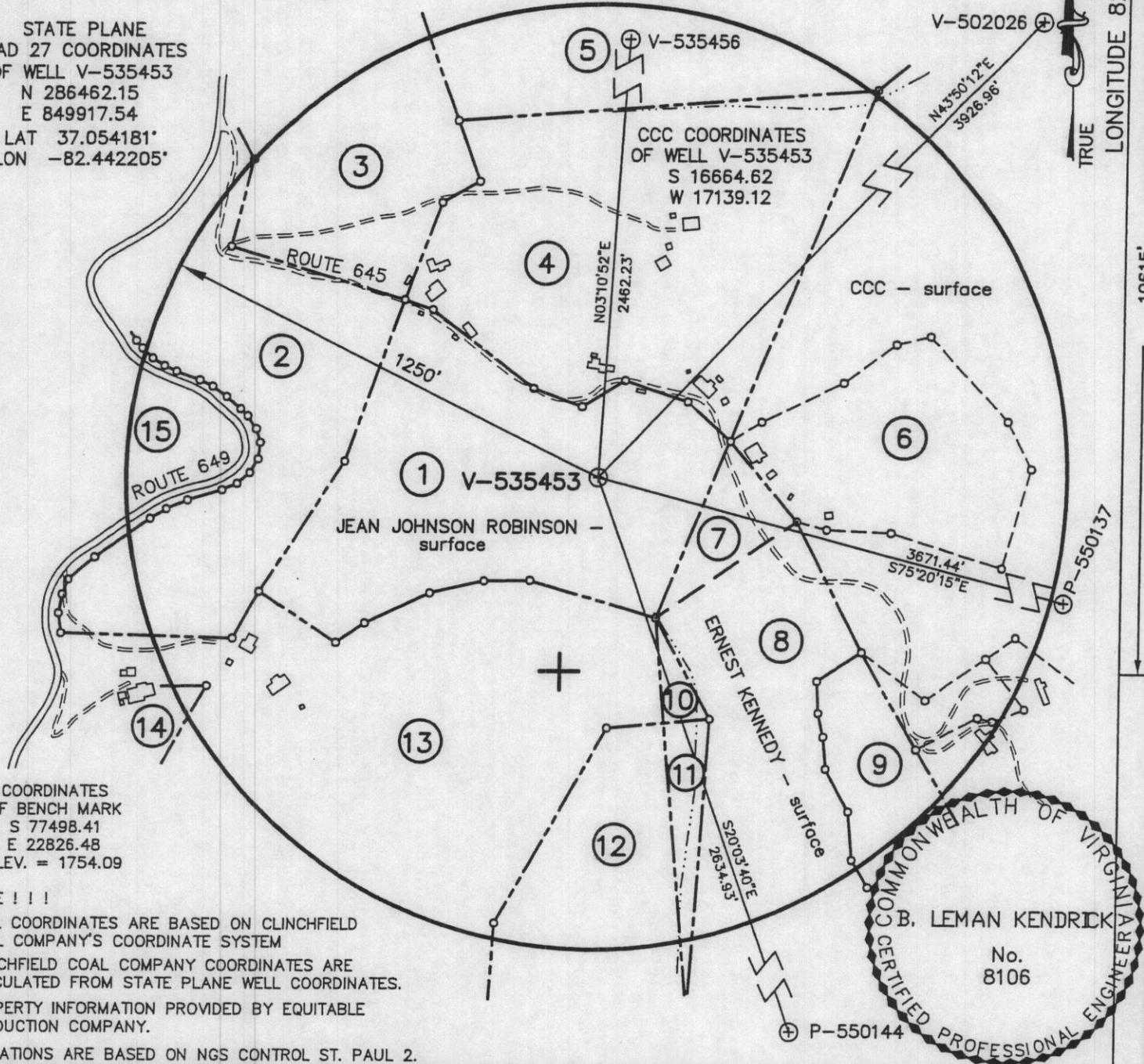
NOTE !!
SEE WELL PLAT SUPPLEMENT
SHEETS 2 & 3 FOR TRACT INFORMATION.

--- DENOTES MINERAL LINE
- - - DENOTES SURFACE LINE
- · - · DENOTES SURFACE & MINERAL LINES

STATE PLANE
NAD 27 COORDINATES
OF WELL V-535453
N 286462.15
E 849917.54
LAT 37.054181°
LON -82.442205°

CCC COORDINATES
OF WELL V-535453
S 16664.62
W 17139.12

LONGITUDE 82°25'00"
TRUE
10615'



NOTE !!!
WELL COORDINATES ARE BASED ON CLINCHFIELD COAL COMPANY'S COORDINATE SYSTEM
CLINCHFIELD COAL COMPANY COORDINATES ARE CALCULATED FROM STATE PLANE WELL COORDINATES.
PROPERTY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY.
ELEVATIONS ARE BASED ON NGS CONTROL ST. PAUL 2.

WELL LOCATION PLAT

COMPANY Equitable Production Company WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-535453
 TRACT No. LEASE NO. ELEVATION 2119.94 (GPS) QUADRANGLE CANEY RIDGE
 COUNTY DICKENSON DISTRICT KENADY SCALE: 1" = 400' DATE MARCH 22, 2005
 THIS PLAT IS A NEW PLAT x; AN UPDATED PLAT ; OR A FINAL LOCATION PLAT
 PROPOSED TOTAL DEPTH OF WELL =

+ 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.

B. Leman Kendrick 3/22/05

(AFFIX SEAL)

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR

1

LEASE No. 905895L
14.08 ACRES
JEAN JOHNSON ROBINSON - surface & gas
LEASE No. 244792L / TC-151
L.M. POWERS
412.50 ACRES
DICKENSON-RUSSELL COAL COMPANY, LLC/ALPHA
LAND & RESERVES, LLC/ACIN, LLC/WBRD, LLC - coal & oil
GAS 14.24 AC. 12.64%

2

UNLEASED
11.135 ACRES
JOEY EDMOND & TABATHA ANN MULLINS. -
surface & gas
GAS 9.61 AC. 8.53%

3

LEASE No. 905556L
9.90 ACRES
TERRY WAYNE HARRIS, JUSTIN ROY HARRIS & LOGAN
JAMES HARRIS - surface & gas
GAS 6.21 AC. 5.51%

4

UNLEASED
15.00 ACRES
CLIFFORD & ODESSIE ROSE -
surface & gas
GAS 15.86 AC. 14.07%

5

LEASE No. 904850L
40.00 ACRES
LON EDWARD BRADFORD &
OLIVER KENDRICK, JR. - surface & gas
GAS 5.57 AC. 4.94%

6

LEASE No. 241490 / T-639
ROBERT ROSE
450.64 ACRES
PINE MOUNTAIN OIL & GAS, INC. - oil & gas
GAS 22.83 AC. 20.26%

7

UNLEASED
3.00 ACRES
ERNEST & FRANCIS A. KENNEDY -
surface, oil & gas
GAS 1.44 AC. 1.28%

8

UNLEASED
47.00 ACRES
ERNEST & FRANCIS A. KENNEDY -
surface, oil & gas Unleased
GAS 8.37 AC. 7.43%

9

LEASE No. 905895L
14.08 ACRES
JEAN JOHNSON ROBINSON - surface, oil & gas
GAS 2.34 AC. 2.08%

10

UNLEASED
INTERLOCK AREA
0.39 ACRES
ERNEST & FRANCIS KENNEDY -
surface, oil & gas
LEASE No. 905498L
BETTY SUE ROSE - surface & gas
GAS 0.39 AC. 0.35%



EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY
WELL No. V-535453
WELL PLAT SUPPLEMENT
SHEET 2

PROJECT No.:
7529 PLAT
SCALE: 1" = 400'
DATE: MARCH 22, 2005

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UNLEASED
1.03 ACRES
INTERLOCK AREA
ERNEST & FRANCIS KENNEDY -
surface, oil & gas
LEASE No. 242266L
FRANCIS FRENCH, et. al. - surface & gas
GAS 1.03 AC. 0.91%

12

LEASE No. 242266L - 01, 02, 03, 04, 05
20.00 ACRES
FRANCIS FRENCH, et. al. - surface & gas
GAS 4.56 AC. 4.05%

13

LEASE No. 904598L
25.00 ACRES
WILLIE LEE & BETTY SUE ROSE - surface & gas
GAS 17.75 AC. 15.75%

14

LEASE No. 905786L
2.00 ACRES
LUCILLE MULLINS - surface & gas
GAS 0.09 AC. 0.07%

15

UNLEASED
28.05 ACRES
H. JACK ROSE & LILLY TEXAS ROSE - surface & gas
GAS 2.40 AC. 2.13%


**Thompson
+ Litton**
Engineers
Architects
Planners

EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY
WELL No. V-535453
WELL PLAT SUPPLEMENT
SHEET 3

PROJECT No.:
7529 PLAT

SCALE: 1" = 400'

DATE: MARCH 22, 2005