

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.) VIRGINIA GAS
) AND OIL BOARD
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RELIEF SOUGHT **EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE SPACING**)
LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY)
VA. CODE § 45.1-361.17 (a) (2)) DOCKET NO.
FOR WELL NO. V-530203) VGOB-09-0818-2585
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:)
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DRILLING UNIT SERVED BY WELL)
NUMBERED V-530203)
TO BE DRILLED IN THE LOCATION)
DEPICTED ON **EXHIBIT A** HERETO,)
H.T. Keel Tract No. T-724)
566.39 Acres, more or less)
CANEY RIDGE QUADRANGLE)
CLINTWOOD 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 August 18, 2009 and continued to September 15, 2009** at the Russell County Conference Center, Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.
2. Appearances: **Timothy E. Scott of McKinnis & Scott**, 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; and (2) 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. 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: Revised Application, Revised Notice of Hearing and Revised Exhibit A.
5. Dismissals: None.
6. Relief Requested: Applicant requests an exception to the statewide spacing limitations set forth in Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for **Well No. V-530203**.
5. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause shall be and hereby is granted. The Board hereby grants Applicant consent to permit and drill proposed **Well No. V-530203**, which is **2,259** feet from existing Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. **Well No. V-536759** and **2,164** feet from existing Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. **Well No. V-536758** at the location depicted on the Plat attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit A**.
6. Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:
 - 6.1 Applicant is **Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.** Applicant is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
 - 6.2 Applicant **Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.** is an operator in the Commonwealth of Virginia and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;
 - 6.3 Applicant claims ownership of Conventional Gas Leases of Subject Drilling Unit and the right to explore for, develop and produce Gas from Well No. **V-530203** as well as the right to participate and develop the reciprocal well, being Well No. **V-536759 and V-536758**;
 - 6.4 The proposed Well No. **V-530203** is located on the **H.T. Keel Tract No. T-724** and the surface, coal, gas and oil owners have consented to the proposed location for Well No. **V-530203** that is depicted on the Plat attached hereto as **Revised Exhibit A**;
 - 6.5 The Applicant testified it has the right to operate and participate in the development of the reciprocal Well Nos. **V-536759 and V-536758**; and that the granting of the application filed herein will not impact the correlative rights of any person;
 - 6.6 An exception to the well spacing requirements of Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. **V-530203** 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 **350** million cubic feet of Conventional Gas underlying the Subject Drilling Unit, and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia and Oil Act;
 - 6.7 Applicant proposes the drilling of Well No. **V-536736** to a depth of **4,957** feet on the Subject Drilling Unit at the location depicted on Exhibit A to produce all the Mississippian and Devonian Age formations including, but not limited to, **Ravencloff, Maxon, Big Lime, Weir, Berea and Devonian Shale**, from surface to total depth drilled, **4,957** feet ("Subject Formations");

- 6.8 Applicant proposes to drill Well No. V-530203 a distance of 336 feet closer to existing Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. Well No. V-536758 and 241 feet closer to existing Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. Well No. V-536759 than the 2500 feet mandated by statewide spacing;
- 6.9 Applicant proposes to complete and operate Well No. V-530203 for the purpose of producing Conventional Gas;
7. Conclusion: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and **IT IS SO ORDERED.**
8. 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.
9. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 8th day of October, 2009, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

Bradley C. Lambert
Chairman, Bradley C. Lambert

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 8th day of October, 2009, by Order of the Board.

David E. Asbury, Jr.
David E. Asbury, Jr.
Principal Executive to the Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF RUSSELL

Acknowledged on this 8th day of October, 2009, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Bradley C. Lambert, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, and appeared David E. Asbury, Jr. being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Acting Principal Executive to the Staff of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board that they executed the same and were authorized to do so.

Diane J. Davis
Diane J. Davis, Notary
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My commission expires: September 30, 2013

