

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARINGS**  
**June 14, 2011**

**Pursuant to Sections 45.1-361.9B and 45.1361.22.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held their scheduled monthly hearings at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Russell County Government Conference Center, and 139 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.**

**Board Members present included:** Bradley C. Lambert (Chairman), Mary Quillen, Bruce Prather, and Donnie Ratliff.

**Also present were:** Sharon M.B. Pigeon, Sr. Assistant Attorney General; David E. Asbury Jr., Principal Executive to the Staff of the Board; and Diane J. Davis, Division of Gas and Oil Programs Administrator and Staff of the Board.

1. The board will receive public comments.
  - a. There were no individuals who signed up to make Public Comments.
  - b. Michael Skiffington, DMME Program Support Manager presented the proposed regulations relative to Arbitration in § 45.1-361.22.1. He informed the Board of the Standard regulatory process for the promulgation of regulations and possible timeframe for state approvals.  
[The proposed regulations for Arbitration in § 45.1-361.22.1 were approved as presented by the Gas and Oil Board.](#)
2. The Board, on its own motion, will receive corrective testimony on previously approved disbursement order for unit T-36, Docket Number 98-0324-0625-09.  
[Corrected testimony given. Revised Exhibits to be received by Staff before disbursement.](#)  
[The petition for disbursement was approved.](#)
3. The Board, on its own motion, will receive corrective testimony on previously approved disbursement order for T-37, Docket Number 98-0421-0650-05.  
[Corrected testimony given. Revised Exhibits to be received by Staff before disbursement.](#)  
[The petition for disbursement was approved.](#)
4. The Board, on its own motion, will receive corrective testimony on previously approved disbursement order for S-36, Docket Number 98-0324-0626-08.  
[Corrected testimony given. Revised Exhibits to be received by Staff before disbursement.](#)  
[The petition for disbursement was approved.](#)
5. The Board, on its own motion, will receive corrective testimony on previously approved disbursement order for S-37, Docket Number 98-0421-0649-05.  
[Corrected testimony given. Revised Exhibits to be received by Staff before disbursement.](#)  
[The petition was approved.](#)

6. The Board, on its own motion, will receive corrective testimony on previously approved disbursement order for S-35, Docket Number 98-0325-0681-06  
Corrected testimony given. Revised Exhibits to be received by Staff before disbursement.  
The petition for disbursement was approved.
7. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit BA-110, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. The petition is for the disbursement of Tract 4A. Docket Number VGOB-02-0917-1072-01. Continued from May, 2011.  
The petition for disbursement was approved.
8. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit T-28, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of a portion of Tract 5. Docket Number VGOB-97-0218-0565-02. Continued from February and May, 2011.  
The petition was continued to August.
9. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit U-27, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of a portion of Tract 2. Docket Number VGOB-97-0218-0563-03. Continued from February and May, 2011.  
The petition was continued to August.
10. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit U-28, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of a portion of Tract 1. Docket Number VGOB-97-0218-0564-02. Continued from February and May, 2011.  
The petition was continued to August.
11. A petition from GeoMet Operating Company, Inc. for pooling of coalbed methane unit 292 VA Unit A-34, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0315-2928. Continued from April and May, 2011.  
The petition was withdrawn by the Board upon receipt of applicant request to do so. The A-34 unit is now a 100% leased (voluntary) unit by GeoMet.
12. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900042, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 11-0419-2932. Continued from April and May, 2011.  
The petition was approved by the Board.

13. A petition from Southeast Land & Mineral, LLC for the establishment of a 160 acre Provisional Drilling Unit, Unit C-8 served by proposed well Carroll #1, Tyler District, Washington County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0315-2920. Continued from March 2011.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
14. A petition from Southeast Land & Mineral, LLC for pooling of Unit C-8 served by well Carroll #1, Tyler District, Washington County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0315-2921. Continued from March 2011.  
[The petition was approved by the Board. A revised B and B-3 Exhibit will be provided to Staff before recordation. Total acreage leased is now 102.35 acres or 63.968 %.](#)
15. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for creation of a 202.35 acre drilling unit and pooling for unit CC38 for the drilling of horizontal coalbed wells, Maiden Springs/Garden Districts, Buchanan/Tazewell Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-10-1019-2825. Continued from March 2011.  
[The petition was continued to July 2011.](#)
16. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Larry Houston, Curtis & Mable Bise and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 504484, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 2. Docket Number VGOB-01-0821-0919-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
17. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Larry Houston, Curtis & Mable Bise and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 505241, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 3. Docket Number VGOB-04-0817-1325-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
18. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Larry Houston, Curtis & Mable Bise and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 504248, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 3. Docket Number VGOB-04-1116-1363-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
19. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Thomas Y. Dotson and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 536506, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 2. Docket Number VGOB-06-1017-1735-01.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
20. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Thomas Y. Dotson and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 502567, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 3. Docket Number VGOB-06-1017-1736-01.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)

21. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Thomas Y. Dotson and Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for disbursement of funds from escrow for unit 536507, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. The petition is for disbursement of Tract 3. Docket Number VGOB-06-1017-1737-01.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
22. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tracts 2T and 3 and authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit EE-38, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-02-0521-1029-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
23. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tract 3B and authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit EE-39, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-03-1021-1203-01.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
24. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tracts 1C, 1D and 2A and authorization for direct payment of royalties in unit FF-37, Maiden Springs/New Garden Districts, Tazewell/Russell Counties, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-03-1021-1206-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board. Disbursement for -02 will follow the prior -01 disbursement approval.](#)
25. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tract 1A, 1D and 2A and authorization for direct payment of royalties in unit FF-38, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-03-1021-1207-03.  
[The petition was approved by the Board. Disbursement for -03 will follow the prior -02 disbursement.](#)
26. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tract 1A and authorization for direct payment of royalties in unit FF-39, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-03-1021-1208-02.  
[The petition was approved by the Board. Disbursement for -02 will follow the prior -01 disbursement approval.](#)
27. A petition from Southeast Land & Mineral, LLC for the establishment of a 160 acre provisional drilling unit (C-7) for the drilling of conventional gas well Hutton #1, Tyler District, Washington County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2955.  
[The petition was approved by the Board with petition information submitted by Wilhoit and Kaisers Office.](#)

28. A petition from Southeast Land & Mineral, LLC for the pooling of Hutton #1 (Unit C-7) conventional gas well, Tyler District, Washington County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2956.  
[The petition was approved by the Board with receipt of revised Exhibits B and B-3 to be submitted by the applicants counsel Wilhoit and Kaiser.](#)
29. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900014, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2957.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
30. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900019, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2958.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
31. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900020, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2959.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
32. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900016, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2960.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
33. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well V-536121, Willis District, and Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2961.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
34. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900044, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2962.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
35. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900047, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2963.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
36. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900025, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2964.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)

37. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well V-530271, Lipps District, and Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2965.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
38. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well V-550512, Willis District, and Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2966.  
[Citizen objections by Terri Price and Dorothy Adkins.](#)  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
39. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well V-530305, Sandlick District, and Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2967.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
40. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a establishment of a drilling unit and pooling for proposed well V-536121, Willis District, and Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2968.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
41. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for establishment of a 112.69 acre drilling unit for the drilling of conventional gas well 900049, Knox District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2969.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
42. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for pooling of conventional gas well 900079, Sandlick District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2970.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
43. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for establishment of a drilling unit and pooling of Well No. V-550512, Willis District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-11-0614-2971.  
[Citizen questions by Terri Price and Dorothy Adkins.](#)  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
44. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling unit AY-102, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-07-0417-1912-01.  
[The petition was approved by the Board.](#)
45. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling unit X-35, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-98-0324-0636-02.  
[The petition was continued to July 2011 by the Board.](#)
46. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling unit AZ-102, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-03-1216-1239-02.  
[The petition was continued to July 2011 by the Board.](#)

47. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling unit AY-101, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-04-0615-1295-01.  
The petition was continued to July 2011 by the Board.
48. The Board will receive an update of Board and Division activities from Staff.  
The discussion was continued to July 2011 by the Board.
49. The Board will review the May 2011 minutes for approval.  
The discussion was continued to July 2011 by the Board.

Information concerning the above docket items can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the office of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, 135 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia. All questions concerning the agenda should be directed to the Division of Gas and Oil by telephoning 276-415-9700.

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the July 2011 hearing is 5 p.m., Friday, June 17, 2011 with the July hearing scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the Russell County Government Complex, Conference Center, and 135 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.