

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARINGS  
MAY 15, 2012 MINUTES

Pursuant to Sections 45.1-361.9B and 45.1361.22.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held its scheduled monthly hearing commencing at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the Russell County Government Conference Center, 139 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.

Present were Katie Dye, Butch Lambert, Donnie Ratliff, Bill Harris, Bruce Prather, and Mary Quillen.

Also present were Sharon Pigeon, Sr. Assistant Attorney County, Rick Cooper and Diane Davis.

1. The board will receive public comments.

Martha Guilliams spoke regarding suspense accounts.

THE BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PUBLIC BUSINESS MATTERS. AT 10:17 THE BOARD CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER.

2. **A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow regarding a portion of Tract 1 and authorization for direct payment of royalties, Unit R-44, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-00-0321-0782-03. Continued from April.**

**The disbursement was approved.**

3. **A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for the disbursement of funds from escrow regarding a portion of Tracts 1B, 1C and 1D and the authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit Q-43, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 00-0321-0779-04.**

**The disbursement was approved with the account will remain open.**

4. **A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for the disbursement of funds from escrow regarding a portion of Tracts 1A, 1B, 1D and 1E and the authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit R-43, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 00-0321-0781-04.**

**The disbursement was approved.**

5. **A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for the disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tract 1 and the authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit P(-2), Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 06-0718-1668-02.**

**The disbursement was approved and the account will be closed. (Court Order)**

- 6. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for the disbursement of funds from escrow regarding Tract 4 and the authorization for direct payment of royalties for unit P(-3), Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 06-0718-1669-02.**

**The disbursement was approved and the account will be closed. (Court Order)**

- 7. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Clarence W. Traux, Jr. for the disbursement of funds from escrow, Tract 3, Unit 503308, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number 04-0420-1283-02.**

**The disbursement was approved with a direct dollar payment.**

- 8. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Clarence W. Traux, Jr. for the disbursement of funds from escrow, Tract 4, Unit 702844, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number 93-0420-0366-02.**

**The disbursement was approved with a direct dollar payment.**

- 9. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Clarence W. Traux, Jr. for disbursement of funds from escrow, Tract 1, Unit 535612, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 03-0819-1174-02.**

**The disbursement was approved with a direct dollar payment.**

- 10. A petition from EQT Production Company on behalf of Mary C. Mayes and Standard Banner Coal Corporation for the disbursement of funds from escrow for Unit VC-538607, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 07-1113-2071-01.**

**The petition was approved with the understanding a further reconciliation to be conducted to determine if monies have been posted incorrectly. EQT will come back to the Board to ask for any additional disbursements due the parties.**

- 11. A petition from EQT Production Company for disbursement of funds from escrow for a portion of Tract 1, Unit 536190, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-06-1114-1761-02.**

**The petition for disbursement was approved.**

- 12. The Board will consider a petition filed by Michael Hamilton appealing the DGO Director's decisions in IFFH 24007 and IFFH 24008 Dickenson County, Virginia. VGOB-12-051-3067.**

**The Board upheld the decision of the director.**

13. On the Board's own motion they will consider a revision/clarification to the language of the Nora Coalbed Methane Field Rules. Docket Number VGOB-89-0126-0009.

The Board approved the request to amend the Nora Coal Bed Gas Field to include clarification language adding to "being all producible coal seams and other associated formations, name and unnamed coal seams from the Kennedy to the base of the Pennsylvanian coal seams" to the Nora Coal Bed Gas Field

14. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit C-20, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3059.

The unit is proposed to have two wells. The petition was approved by the Board. On the board's own motion this will be placed back on the June Docket.

15. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit D-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3060.

Two wells are proposed for the unit. Escrowing is required by the Board. The petition was approved by the Board.

16. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit E-32, Garden District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3061.

The petition was approved by the board. One well is proposed for the unit. Escrowing is required by the Board. The petition was approved by the Board.

17. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit AU-92, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3062.

The petition was approved by the Board with no escrowing required.

18. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit X-48, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3063.

The petition was approved by the Board with escrowing required.

19. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit YYY-32, North Grundy District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3064.

The petition was approved by the Board with escrowing required.

**20. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for pooling of coalbed methane unit ZZZ-32, Garden/North Grundy Districts, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3065.**

**Continued at the request of the applicant until June.**

**21. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC for re-pooling, Unit BA-121, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 07-0619-1942-01.**

**22. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900101, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3066.**

**The Board granted a continuance to June 2012 at the request of the petitioner.**

**23. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900102, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3068.**

**The petition was approved by the Board.**

**24. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900106, Rock Lick District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3069.**

**The petition was approved by the Board.**

**25. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a well location exception for proposed well 900109, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3070.**

**The petition was approved by the Board.**

**26. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for pooling for well 900094, Sandlick District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3071.**

**The petition was approved by the Board with escrowing required.**

**27. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for pooling of a drilling unit for well VH-530183, Sandlick District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3072.**

**The petition was approved by the Board with no escrowing required.**

28. The Board will receive an update of Board and Division activities from the staff.  
No comments

29. The Board will review the March and April 2012 minutes for approval.  
Minutes were approved

Adjourned