

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
MINUTES OF THE GAS AND OIL BOARD
November 17, 2009

Pursuant to Sections 45.1-361.9B and 45.1361.22.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held hearings that commenced at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at the Conference Center, Russell County Office Building, and Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.

Board Members who were present included: Mrs. Mary Quillen (Acting Chairman), Mrs. Peggy Barber, Mr. Bruce Prather, Mrs. Katie Dye, Mr. Bill Harris and Mr. Donnie Ratliff.

Also present were Ms. Sharon Pigeon, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Mr. David E. Asbury Jr., and Principle Executive to the staff of the board and Mrs. Tina Neal, Administrative and Office Service Specialist.

1. The Board will receive public comments.
[Katherine Jewell made comments.](#)
2. The Board on its own motion will make a final determination in awarding the contract for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Escrow Agent Accounting Services.
[The Board heard presentations from two candidates at their October 20, 2009 hearings. After full deliberations, board members voted and selected First Bank and Trust Company as their Escrow Agent, so to provide Escrow Accounting Services beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014.](#)
3. A petition from EQT Production Company for the establishment of a provisional drilling unit consisting of 320 acres for the drilling of horizontal conventional gas wells unit Roberson District, Wise County Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09-1020-2619. Continued from October.
[Continued until December](#)
4. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties for Tracts 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G, Unit AZ-110, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 01-0917-1070-02. Continued from September, 2009.
[The petition was approved](#)
5. The Board will hear correction of testimony addressing the requirement of escrowing for Docket VGOB 08-0715-2280.[Correction of testimony to state escrowing is required on Tract 1-Approved](#)
6. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties in Tract 1G, Unit FF-39, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 03-1021-1208-01.
[The petition was approved](#)

7. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties in Tract 2B, Unit FF-38, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 03-1021-1207-01.
The petition was approved
8. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for disbursement of funds from escrow and authorization for direct payment of royalties in Track 1B, Unit AZ-123, New Garden District, Russell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB – 05-0315-1415-01.
The petition was approved
9. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for re-pooling of coalbed methane Unit AZ-103, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 06-0516-1631-01.
The petition was approved with revised exhibits B-2, B-3 & E
10. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for a location exception and pooling of coalbed methane Unit N-O, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2625.
The petition was approved with the Topo Map
11. A petition from CNX Gas Company LLC for pooling of coalbed methane Unit AX-146, Maiden Springs District, Tazewell County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2626.
The petition was approved with new Exhibit E to include Tract 4 to be provided by CNX
12. A petition from Equitable Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VCI-537337, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2627.
The petition was approved
13. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-504284, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2628.
The petition was approved with the revision of Exhibit B-3 to be provided by EQT
14. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-539896, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2629.
The petition was approved with the revised Exhibits B3 & E.
15. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-539894, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2630.
The petition was approved with the revised Exhibits B, B3 & E

16. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-531373, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2631.

The petition was approved

17. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-531441, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2632.

The petition was approved

18. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-536630, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2633.

The petition was approved

19. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-531442, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2634.

The petition was approved

20. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-536636, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2635.

The petition was approved

21. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-537305, Prater District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2636.

The petition was approved

22. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-531372, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2637.

The petition was approved

23. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-703597, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2638.

The petition was approved with a letter from EQT that the AFE's submitted are correct

24. A petition from EQT Production Company for pooling of coalbed methane Unit VC-539526, Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 09-1117-2639.

The petition was approved

25. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain Inc. for the establishment of a provisional drilling unit consisting of 320 acres for the drilling of horizontal

conventional gas wells Unit RR-2640, Lipps District, Wise County Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09-1117-2640.

The petition was approved

26. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain Inc. for the establishment of a provisional drilling unit consisting of 320 acres for the drilling of horizontal conventional gas wells Unit RR-2641, Lipps District, Wise County Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09-1117-2641.

The petition was approved

27. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain Inc. for creation of a drilling unit and pooling of conventional gas for well V-535942 Roberson District, Wise County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09-1117-2642.

The petition was approved

28. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. for a pooling of horizontal conventional gas well VH-530210, Clintwood District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB-09-1117-2643.

The petition was approved

29. A petition from Appalachian Energy Inc. for modification of the Oakwood No. 1 Coalbed Gas Field to allow for drilling of an additional well in Unit I-38. Docket Number VGOB-93-0216-0325-20.

The petition was approved

The deadline for filing of petitions to the Board for the **January 2010** hearings is 5 p.m., **Friday, December 18, 2009**. The hearings are scheduled for Tuesday **January 19, 2010** at the Conference Center, Russell County Government Building, and 139 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.

Special accommodations for the disabled will be made available at the hearing on request. Anyone needing special accommodations for the December hearings should contact the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy at 276-415-9700 or by calling the Virginia Relay Center TTY/TDD at 1-800-828-1120 or 1140 by November 12, 2009.