

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2015

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, August 18, 2015 at the Russell County Government Conference Center, 139 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia.

Board members present were Bradley C. Lambert (Chairman), Bill Harris (Public Representative), Bruce A. Prather (Oil and Gas Industry Representative), Donald Lewis Ratliff (Coal Industry Representative), Donnie W. Rife (Public Representative), Mary Addington Quillen (Public Representative) and Rita Surratt (Public Representative).

Also present were Paul Kugelman, Jr. (Senior Assistant Attorney General), Rick Cooper (Principal Executive to the Board), Sally Ketron (Division of Gas and Oil) and Sarah Gilmer (Division of Gas and Oil).

1. The Board received public comments.

There were no public comments.

2. A petition from EQT Production Company, for disbursement of funds and authorization for direct payment on behalf of the known owners on Tract 4. Well VC-508826. Docket Number VGOB 01-1120-0987-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

3. A petition from EQT Production Company, for disbursement of funds and authorization for direct payment on behalf of the known owners on Tract 2. Well VC-508827. Docket Number VGOB 01-1120-0988-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

4. A petition from EQT Production Company, for disbursement of funds and authorization for direct payment on behalf of the known owners on Tracts 1 and 3. Well VC-509263. Docket Number VGOB 02-1015-1086-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

5. A petition from EQT Production Company, for disbursement of funds and authorization for direct payment on behalf of the known owners on Tracts 1 and 2. Well VC-509270. Docket Number VGOB 02-1119-1100-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

6. A petition from EQT Production Company, for disbursement of funds and authorization for direct payment on behalf of the known owners on Tract 2. Well VC-024870. Docket Number VGOB 02-0115-1001-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

7. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 1C, 3C & 3D to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the agreement or court order; and (3) dismissal of coal owner(s)/claimant(s) named in the Notice of Hearing and identified in Exhibit B2 who were pooled by the Board as conflicting claimants. Well EE-34. Docket Number VGOB 02-0820-1055-02.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. The checks for Loretta Richardson, Paul Richardson and Shelby Richardson are to be mailed to T. Shea Cook, as per affidavits provided.

8. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to of Tracts 1D, 1E, 1J, & 1L, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; Carson D. Austin; authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the House Bill 2058; Buchanan County Virginia. Well BF-100. Docket Number VGOB 04-1214-1368-03.

The docket item was approved. Account continues. Authorization for direct payment of royalties.

9. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 1 & 3, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos. Well A-32. Docket Number VGOB 12-0417-3047-01.

The docket item was approved. Account continues. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

10. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 3, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos. Well ZZZ-31. Docket Number VGOB 11-1115-3004-02.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

11. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 3 & 5, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos. Well ZZZ-32. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3065-02.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

12. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 2, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos. Well F-46. Docket Number VGOB 12-0619-3074-01.

The docket item was approved. Account will close. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

13. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tract 6, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiffs; T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos. Well YYY-32. Docket Number VGOB 12-0515-3064-01.

The docket item was approved. Account continues. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Checks for Pamela Poulos, Talmadge G. Rogers, III, Jason G. Poulos, Gregory G. Poulos, Kevin Rogers, Shaun D. Rogers and Derek Rogers are to be made payable to Don Barrett, P. A. Trust Account and mailed to Don Barrett, P. A., as per the affidavits presented to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

14. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, for Modification of Nora Coalbed Gas Unit Numbers: 69AZ, 69BA, 69BB, 70AZ, 70BA, 70BB, 71AZ, 71BA, 71BB, 72AZ, 72BA, 72BB, 73AZ, 73BA, 73BB, 58AU, 58AV, 58AW, 59AU, 59AV, 59AW, 60AU, 60AV, 60AW, 61AV, 61AW, 70BM, 70BN, 70BO, 71BM, 71BN, 71BO, 72BM, 72BN, 72BO, 82AW, 82AX, 82AY. Docket Number VGOB 89-0126-0009-84.

The docket item was approved.

15. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, for a Well Location Exception for Well No. V-530350, located in the Kenady District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 15-0818-4072.

The docket item was approved.

16. On the Board's own motion, Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc., will approach the Board to revise testimony for the disbursement of funds from the escrow account for Well No. VC-536260, to all known owners in Tracts 3, 4 & 5. Docket Number VGOB 06-0718-1679-01.

The docket item was approved. Range Resources approached the Board to request that the checks for Ricky & Melanie Stevens and Donna & Gary Willis be made payable to Adalee Stevens (who holds a life estate interest in the property). Range provided documentation to the Board for this transaction.

17. A petition from ARP Mountaineer Production, LLC, (ATLAS), requesting the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to enter an order, transferring the right to operate all units listed in this application that were established by Board Order, from GeoMet Operating Company, Inc., to ARP Mountaineer Production, LLC, (ATLAS). Docket Number VGOB 15-0818-4073.

The docket item was continued to September, 2015.

18. The Board received an update of Board and Division activities from the staff.

Mr. Cooper reported to the Board that the Division of Gas and Oil has received twenty-seven coal dismissal disbursement petitions as of August 18, 2015.

Mr. Cooper advised the Board that monies that were set to be escheated to the State of Virginia in October 2015, for Betty Deel and Edna Sue Bailey, have been disbursed to the landowners and will not be escheated. The Division of Gas and Oil has been unable to locate Betty F. Christian, whose funds for well DD28 will be escheated to the State of Virginia in October of 2015.

19. The Board reviewed the July 2015 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 10:40 a.m.