

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING
MINUTES APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 2015 at the conference center at the Russell Co. Govt Center, 139 Highland Drive, Lebanon, VA.

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) 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.

Martha Guilliams spoke to the Board regarding how escrow interest was being used to pay administrative costs to First Bank & Trust Company.

2. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for Modification of the Middle Ridge I Coalbed Methane Gas Field. Docket Number VGOB 00-1017-0835-11.

The docket item was approved.

3. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for re-pooling of Unit AV-127 in the Middle Ridge I Field & dismissal of certain coal claimants as conflicting claimants. Docket Number VGOB 04-1214-1365-02.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

4. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for re-pooling and dismissal of certain coal claimants as conflicting claimants. Unit AY-123. Docket Number VGOB 06-0117-1559-01. Continued from March 2015.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

5. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for re-pooling of Unit AW-146 in the Middle Ridge I Field & dismissal of certain coal claimants as conflicting claimants. Docket Number VGOB 13-1217-4027-01.

The docket item was approved. Escrowing required. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

6. 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 1B, to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit AA-8. Docket Number VGOB 90-1010-0032-08.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

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 2, 3, & 4, to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit BA-111. Docket Number VGOB 02-0416-1024-01.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

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 Tracts 2A & 2B, to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit AV-125. Docket Number VGOB 02-0820-1051-02.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

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 Tract 1G, to the person identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit BA-100. Docket Number VGOB 03-0916-1189-02.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

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 Tracts 1D & 1F, to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit BA-99. Docket Number VGOB 04-0120-1252-02.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

11. A petition from CNX Gas Company, LLC, for (1) refund of escrow payments heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent; Reimburse overpayment of funds deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent attributable to Unit BD120, to CNX Gas Company, LLC. (2) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent attributable to Tracts 1C, 1F, 1L, 1Q, 1R, 1S, & 1T to the persons identified in the table, using the percentages set forth in the table; 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. Unit BD-120. Docket Number VGOB 05-0215-1398-02.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

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 2A, to the persons identified in the table using the percentages set forth in the table; and (2) 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. Unit AV-102. Docket Number VGOB 06-1219-1828-01.

The docket item was approved. The account will continue. Authorization for direct payment of royalties. Dismissal of coal claimants was not approved.

13. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc., for pooling of Well No. VC-537047, Hurricane District, Buchanan County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 15-0217-4061. Continued from March 2015.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

14. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc., 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 EQT Production Company and EQT Production Nora, LLC, to Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. Docket Number VGOB 15-0421-4065.

The docket item was approved.

15. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc., for pooling of Well No. VC-539283-Nora Grid BD-63, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 15-0421-4066.

The docket item was continued to May, 2015. No escrowing required. Continuance requested by Joe McAfee.

16. A petition from Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc., for pooling of Well No. VCI-530406-Nora Grid BN-71, Ervinton District, Dickenson County, Virginia. Docket Number VGOB 15-0421-4067.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

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

Mr. Rick Cooper informed the Board that the May hearing will be on May 26, 2015. He also informed the Board that the W-9 link has been added to the Division of Gas and Oil's website, as requested by the Board at the April 2015 hearing.

18. The Board reviewed the March 2015 minutes for approval.

The Board approved the March 2015 minutes.

The hearing adjourned at 11:17 a.m.