

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD**

**PETITIONER:** CNX Gas Company LLC

**DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL**

**DOCKET NO:** VGOB 11-1220-3008-01

**RELIEF SOUGHT: (1) DISBURSEMENT FROM ESCROW REGARDING TRACT(S) 3 (2) AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES**

**HEARING DATE:** July 21, 2015

**DRILLING UNIT:** C33

**BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

**PETITION FOR ORDER OF DISBURSEMENT OF ESCROW FUNDS**

**1. Petitioner and its counsel**

Petitioner is CNX Gas Company LLC, 627 Claypool Hill Mall Road, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609, (276) 596-5075. Petitioner's counsel is Mark A. Swartz, Hillard & Swartz, LLP, 122 Capital Street, Suite 201, Charleston, WV 25301.

**2. Relief Sought**

(1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent(s) attributable to Tract(s) 3 as depicted upon the annexed Table ; and (2) authorization to begin paying royalties directly to the parties to the prevailing plaintiff(s); T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos

**3. Legal Authority**

Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 et seq., 4 VAC 25-160-140., and relevant Virginia Gas and Oil Board Orders ("Board") heretofore promulgated pursuant to law.

**4. Type of Well(s)**

Coalbed Methane

**5. Factual basis for relief requested**

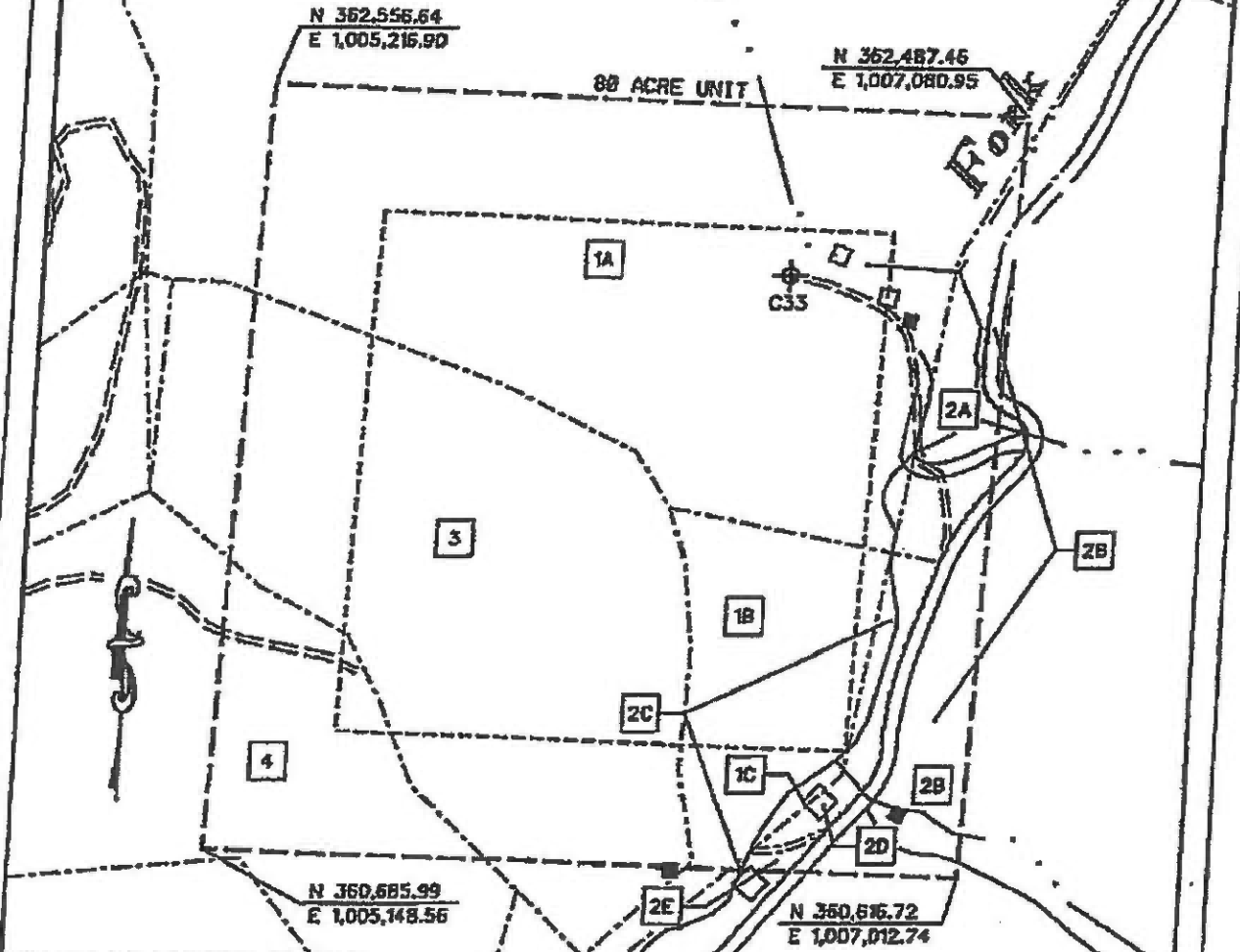
T.G. Rogers, III, Derek Browning Rogers, Kevin Rogers, Shaun Rogers, Gregory Poulos, Jason Poulos, and Pamela Poulos is entitled to 100% of the CBM royalties awarded under Case No. 550-13, Opinion dated July 10, 2014, Said decision allows the Applicant and Designated Operator to pay royalties directly to the person(s) identified in Exhibit EE annexed hereto and the annexed Table, further, specifies how said royalties are to be paid.

There are no remaining conflicts after the disbursement, escrow is no longer required and account is to be closed after disbursement.

**6. Attestation**

The foregoing Petition to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief is true and correct.

Property lines shown on this plat were provided by CNX Gas Company LLC and were taken from deed descriptions and chains of title of record. This does not represent a current boundary survey. This certification is as to the size, shape and location of the proposed well.



- CON. WELL
- ⊙ PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL
- ⊕ PROPOSED CON. WELL
- ⊗ CONVENTIONAL WELL

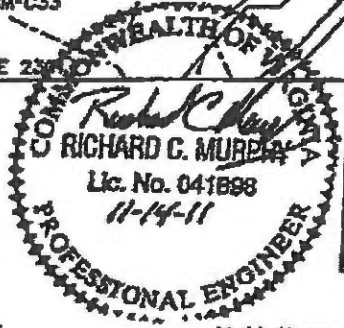


EXHIBIT A  
 DAKWOOD FIELD  
 UNIT C33  
 FORCE POOLING  
 VG0B-11-1220-3008

Company CNX Gas Company LLC Well Name and Number UNIT C33  
 Tract No. \_\_\_\_\_ Elevation \_\_\_\_\_ Quadrangle PATTERSON  
 County BUCHANAN District GARDEN Scale: 1" = 400' Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 This plat is a new plat X ; an updated plat \_\_\_\_\_ ; or a final plat \_\_\_\_\_

Form DGO-60-7 Richard C. Murphy (Affix Seal)  
 Rev. 9/91 Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor

## CNX Gas Company LLC

### Unit C 33

#### Tract Identifications

1. **C. L. Ritter Lumber Company Tr. 28 (98.77 Acre Tract) – All Minerals**  
Island Creek Coal Company/Consol Energy, Inc. – Coal Below Tiller Seam Leased  
Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation – Coal in Tiller Seam and Above Leased  
Hard Rock Exploration and Carter Oil & Gas - Oil and Gas Leased  
CNX Gas Company LLC - CBM Leased  
39.97 acres                      49.9625%
- 1A. Ned R. Lovett, et ux - Surface
- 1B. Bobby Jean Horn - Surface
- 1C. Jesse Lee Horn - Surface
2. **LBR Holdings, LLC (1232.67 Acre Tract) – All Coal**  
Island Creek Coal Company/Consol Energy, Inc. – Coal Below Jawbone Seam Leased  
Reserve Coal Properties Company – P-3 Seam Subleased  
Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation – Coal in Jawbone Seam and Above Leased  
LBR Holdings, LLC – Oil and Gas  
EQT Production Company – Oil and Gas Leased  
CNX Gas Company LLC – CBM Leased (Geomet Farmout)  
9.28 acres                      11.6000%
- 2A. Ned R. Lovett, et ux - Surface
- 2B. Unknown Surface Owner
- 2C. Bobby Jean Horn - Surface
- 2D. Jesse Lee Horn - Surface
- 2E. Truman A. Mullins, et ux - Surface
3. **LBR Holdings, LLC (30.20 Acre Tract) – All Coal**  
Island Creek Coal Company/Consol Energy, Inc. – Coal Below Jawbone Seam Leased  
Reserve Coal Properties Company – P-3 Seam Subleased  
Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation – Coal in Jawbone Seam and Above Leased  
LBR Holdings, LLC, et al – Oil and Gas  
EQT Production Company – Oil and Gas Leased (75%)  
CNX Gas Company LLC – CBM Leased (Geomet Farmout) (75%)  
Bobby Jean Horn - Surface  
24.38 acres                      30.4875%
4. **C. L. Ritter Lumber Company Tr. 30 (48.53 Acre Tract) – All Minerals**  
Island Creek Coal Company/Consol Energy, Inc. – Coal Below Tiller Seam Leased  
Jewell Smokeless Coal Corporation – Coal in Tiller Seam and Above Leased  
Hard Rock Exploration and Carter Oil & Gas - Oil and Gas Leased  
CNX Gas Company LLC - CBM Leased  
Billy Joe Kelly - Surface  
6.36 acres                      7.9500%

"This title block is for general informational purposes only and does not reflect an analysis of the severance deed and its effect upon coal bed methane ownership and should not be relied upon for such purpose."



Exhibit E  
Unit C-33  
Docket #VGOB 11-1220-3008-01  
List of Respondents that require escrow

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Acres in Unit	Percent of Unit
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Escrowing not required

Exhibit EE  
Unit C-33  
Docket #VGOB 11-1220-3008-01  
List of Respondents with Royalty Split Agreements or Court Orders

	Acres in Unit	Percent of Unit	Percent of Escrow
<b><u>Tract #3, 24.39 Acres</u></b>			
<b><u>COAL OWNERSHIP</u></b>			
(1) LBR Holdings, LLC <i>(30.20 acre tract)</i> P.O. Box 22427 Lexington, KY 40522-2427	24.39 acres	30.4875%	<i>n/a</i>
<b><u>OIL &amp; GAS OWNERSHIP</u></b>			
(1) LBR Holdings, LLC, et al. <i>(30.20 acre tract)</i>	24.39 acres	30.4875%	
(b) T.G. Rogers, III 3014 Shalford Lane Matthews, NC 28104	0.76 acres 1/32 of 24.39 acres	0.9527%	<b>12.5000%</b>
(c) Derek Browning Rogers 2300 Carmel Road Charlotte, NC 28226	0.76 acres 1/32 of 24.39 acres	0.9527%	<b>12.5000%</b>
(d) Kevin Rogers 139 Wickham Road Garden City, NY 11530	0.76 acres 1/32 of 24.39 acres	0.9527%	<b>12.5000%</b>
(e) Shaun Rogers 121 NE 100th Street Miami Shores, FL 33128	0.76 acres 1/32 of 24.39 acres	0.9527%	<b>12.5000%</b>
(f) Gregory Poulos 1894 Glenwood St. NE Palm Bay, FL 32907-2423	1.02 acres 1/24 of 24.39 acres	1.2703%	<b>16.6667%</b>
(g) Jason Poulos 10870 SW 95th Street Miami, FL 33176	1.02 acres 1/24 of 24.39 acres	1.2703%	<b>16.6667%</b>
(h) Pamela Poulos 5000 SW 83rd Street Miami, FL 33143-8510	1.02 acres 1/24 of 24.39 acres	1.2703%	<b>16.6667%</b>

***\*Prevailing plaintiff under Case No. 550-13  
Awarded 100% of the CBM royalty.***

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COUNTY OF **BUCHANAN**

**Applicant:** CNX Gas Company LLC  
**Relief Sought:** Disbursement Petition for C33  
VGOB: 11-1220-3008-01

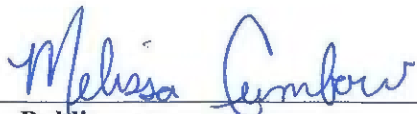
I, Anita D. Duty, after being duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am the Pooling Supervisor for CNX Land Resources, Inc. and am responsible for the notification process required by Va. Code Ann. §45.1-361.19 of the Code of Virginia and 4VAC25-160-40.
2. That on **June 19, 2015** a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing and Exhibits were mailed, via certified mail return receipt requested, based upon information and belief, the names and last-known addresses, where such addresses are known, of the parties owning an interest in this cause are set forth and attached hereto.
3. Notice of this cause has therefore been served by mail pursuant to the applicable statutes and rules of the Board.

  
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**Anita D. Duty**  
Pooling Supervisor  
for CNX Land LLC

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF MERCER, TO-WIT:

TAKEN, SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10th day of July,  
2015.

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: April 9, 2023

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CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE  
CNX Gas Company LLC

Unit A31	VGOB 11-1115-2999-01
Unit B41	VGOB 12-0417-3051-02
Unit B42	VGOB 12-0417-3052-01
Unit B51	VGOB 06-0221-1576-01
Unit B52	VGOB 11-0920-2987-01
Unit C32	VGOB 01-0320-0889-01
Unit C33	VGOB 11-1220-3008-01
Unit C39	VGOB 12-0117-3023-02
Unit C49	VGOB 12-0417-3048-01
Unit C50	VGOB 06-0117-1556-01
Unit D32	VGOB 12-0515-3060-01
Unit D32A	VGOB 14-0715-4050-01
Unit E32	VGOB 12-0515-3061-01
Unit G45	VGOB 11-1220-3009-01

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Poulos	Gregory	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9206	06/25/15 1
Poulos	Jason	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9213	06/24/15 2
Poulos	Pamela	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9220	06/23/15 3
Rogers	Kevin	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9237	06/24/15 4
Rogers	Shaun	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9244	06/23/15 5
Rogers	Derek Browning	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9251	06/22/15 6
Rogers, III	TG	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9268	06/23/15 7
Shaver	Jen	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9275	06/23/15 8

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Unit D47	VGOB 11-1115-3000-01
Unit G44	VGOB 01-1016-0963-01
Unit H44	VGOB 01-1016-0964-01

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Poulos	Jason	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9213	06/24/15 3
Poulos	Pamela	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9220	06/23/15 4
Rogers	Kevin	6/19/15	7014349000008188	9237	06/24/15 5
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LBR Holdings, LLC PO Box 22427 LEXINGTON KY 40522-2427		C. Date of Delivery	
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Kevin Rogers 139 WICKHAM RD GARDEN CITY NY 11530-1141	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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DATE & TIME

STATUS OF ITEM

LOCATION

June 22, 2015 , 1:18 pm

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MATTHEWS, NC 28104

We attempted to deliver your item at 1:18 pm on June 22, 2015 in MATTHEWS, NC 28104 and a notice was left because an authorized recipient was not available.

June 22, 2015 , 9:42 am

Arrived at Unit

MATTHEWS, NC 28105

June 20, 2015 , 9:15 pm

Departed USPS Facility

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June 20, 2015 , 5:27 pm

Arrived at USPS Facility

CHARLESTON, WV 25350

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Postal Product:

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DATE & TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	LOCATION
June 23, 2015 , 9:29 pm	Delivery status not updated	

The delivery status for this item has not been updated as of June 23, 2015, 9:29 pm.

June 23, 2015 , 7:29 am	Out for Delivery	MIAMI, FL 33138
June 23, 2015 , 7:19 am	Sorting Complete	MIAMI, FL 33138
June 23, 2015 , 4:34 am	Arrived at Unit	MIAMI, FL 33138
June 22, 2015 , 7:24 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA, FL 33054
June 20, 2015 , 9:15 pm	Departed USPS Facility	CHARLESTON, WV 25350
June 20, 2015 , 5:27 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	CHARLESTON, WV 25350

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**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BUCHANAN COUNTY**

GREGORY G. POULOS, JASON G. POULOS,  
PAMELA F. POULOS, SHAUN D. ROGERS,  
KEVIN H. ROGERS, DEREK B. ROGERS and  
T.G. ROGERS, III,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LBR HOLDINGS, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 550-13

**ORDER**

This matter, having come before the Court for hearing on June 2, 2014, on the parties' respective motions for summary judgment, and the Court, having reviewed the written submissions of the parties and having heard oral argument of counsel, and for good cause shown, hereby ORDERS:

1. Plaintiffs' Complaint and Defendant's Counterclaim both request that this Court, pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-184, declare their respective rights under the May 27, 1938, deed ("Deed") attached to Plaintiffs' Complaint as Exhibit "A."

2. The Deed includes a conveyance by T. G. Rogers and Martha F. Rogers, his wife (the "Talmage Rogers Group"), and Lloyd Rogers and Anne F. Rogers, his wife (the "Lloyd Rogers Group"), of their interests in certain parcels of property in Buchanan County, Virginia, (the "Property") and McDowell County, West Virginia, to Lon B. Rogers. The Deed specifically recites: "But there is excepted from the above-described property an undivided one-half interest in the oil and gas under said property and the same is reserved to T. G. Rogers and Lloyd Rogers,

parties of the first part, their heirs and assigns, together with the usual and necessary rights of ingress and egress and drilling rights to explore, get and remove said oil and gas.”

3. It is undisputed that Plaintiffs are the successors to the interests of the Talmage Rogers Group under the Deed, and that Defendant, LBR Holdings, LLC (“LBR”), is the successor to the interests of Lon B. Rogers and the Lloyd Rogers Group under the Deed.

4. Plaintiffs seek a declaration that the Deed’s reservation of gas under the Property includes, *inter alia*, coalbed methane gas, and that they are, therefore, the owners of 25% of the coalbed methane gas under the Property and entitled to the associated royalties. LBR, on the other hand, seeks a declaration that the Deed’s reservation of gas under the Property does not include coalbed methane gas, that the Deed, therefore, conveyed coalbed methane gas to Lon B. Rogers, and that LBR, as Lon B. Rogers’ successor-in-interest, is the owner of all the coalbed methane gas under the Property and entitled to the associated royalties.

5. Having examined the reservation language and the “four corners” of the Deed, the Court finds that the Deed is unambiguous and that the Deed’s reservation of “the oil and gas under said property” includes a reservation of coalbed methane gas under the Property. Plaintiffs are, therefore, entitled to prevail as a matter of law.

6. Coalbed methane gas is obviously “gas,” *see Harrison-Wyatt, LLC v. Ratliff*, 593 S.E.2d at 234, 238 (Va. 2004) (coalbed methane “is a gas”); and there is nothing in the Deed that removes coalbed methane or any other type of gas from the scope of the reservation. The language at issue is unlimited, plain, and unambiguous.

7. LBR argues that “the oil and gas” does not mean “all” but only “some” gas. The Court agrees with Plaintiffs, however, that the reservation of “the” gas is not a limited reservation of only some types of gas, but an unambiguous and unlimited reservation of all gas. Such an

interpretation of “the” is in accordance with the ordinary, plain and common sense meaning of the word.

8. LBR also argues that the parties to the Deed would not have intended to include coalbed methane gas in the reservation because, according to LBR, the commercial value of coalbed methane was not known in 1938. LBR presented no evidence in support of this argument and Plaintiffs presented undisputed evidence to the contrary. Regardless, this Court is bound to uphold the unambiguous reservation language, which refers to gas without qualification or limitation, and which, as written, encompasses all types of gas, whether commercially exploitable at the time of the Deed’s execution or not.

9. The Court concludes that the arguments and authorities presented by Plaintiffs in their motion and reply brief are well-founded and correct. A ruling in LBR’s favor would require the Court to rewrite the Deed, which it will not do. Nor will the Court torture words and phrases or engage in speculation to create an ambiguity where the ordinary meaning of the words leaves no room for ambiguity.

10. There are no issues of material fact in dispute regarding Plaintiffs’ ownership of 25% of the coalbed methane gas under the Property. The Court grants Plaintiffs’ motion for summary judgment in full and denies LBR’s motion for summary judgment in full.

11. This Order constitutes a judicial determination of coalbed methane gas ownership as between Plaintiffs and LBR pursuant to Virginia Code § 45.1-361.22(5)(i) and resolves in Plaintiffs’ favor all conflicting claims of coalbed methane gas ownership between Plaintiffs and LBR relating to the Property.

12. Plaintiffs are entitled to receive all coalbed methane gas royalties attributable to their 25% gas estate interest in the Property that are being held in the Virginia Gas and Oil Board’s

escrow account or otherwise being withheld from Plaintiffs due to the conflicting claims of coalbed methane ownership between Plaintiffs and LBR. Plaintiffs are also entitled to receive all future coalbed methane gas royalties or other proceeds that are attributable to their 25% gas estate interest in the Property. All such royalties and proceeds shall be divided among the individual Plaintiffs in accordance with their respective percentages of ownership.

SO ORDERED, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

  
Circuit Court Judge

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