

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

Applicant: EnerVest Operating, L.L.C. )  
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Relief Sought: Pooling VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO )  
Nora Coalbed Gas Field )  
Legal )  
Description: )  
Almareen Owens T-337 Tract ) Docket Number:  
417.25 acres, more or less ) VGOB-17-0321-4112  
Sandlick District )  
Prater Quadrangle )  
Dickenson County, Virginia )  
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(See Exhibit "A" For Specific )  
Description) )

APPLICATION

1. Parties: Applicant herein is EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., whose address for the purposes hereof is 406 West Main Street, P. O. Box 2136 Abingdon, Virginia 24212 Telephone: (276) 628-9001. The attorney for Applicant is Timothy E. Scott, MCKINNIS & SCOTT, whose address is 135 West Main Street, Suite 200, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660, Telephone: (423) 247-9376. The unleased entities or persons are listed on Exhibit B-3, attached hereto and made a party hereto. Set forth in Exhibit B is the name and last-known address of each owner of record identified by Applicant as having an interest in the oil, gas and coalbed methane underlying the unit described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part hereof. Each of the unleased individuals named in Exhibit B-3 is being made a party if living; if any such individual is deceased, then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees and assignees, both immediate and remote, of any such deceased individual are made parties herein. Each of the unleased entities listed in Exhibit B-3 that is a corporation is being made a party if such entity continues to have legal existence, and if any such corporation is dissolved, then the unknown successors, trustees, and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such dissolved corporation are made parties herein. Each of the unleased entities listed in Exhibit B-3 that is an unincorporated association is being made a party if such entity continues to have legal existence, and if any such unincorporated association is dissolved or otherwise not in existence, then the unknown successors, trustees and assigns, both immediate and remote, of such unincorporated association are made parties herein.

2. Allegation of Facts: Applicant is the owner of the right to develop and produce coalbed methane from all formations, from the surface to the total depth drilled within the Nora Coalbed Gas Field and underlying the lands described on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof and to appropriate the oil, gas and coalbed methane produced therefrom.

(a) Applicant has proposed a plan of development and operation of the Formations underlying the drilling unit involved herein (described and depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof) and has proposed to commence such plan of development and operation of such unit by a well, designated as well number VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO under such plan in the lands involved herein so as to produce oil, gas and coalbed methane from the proposed unit.

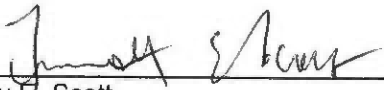
- (b) A Well work permit for well number VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO is currently or is anticipated to be pending before the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.
- (c) Applicant has exercised due diligence to locate each of the oil, gas and coalbed methane interest owners named herein at Exhibit B-3 and has made or is making a bona fide effort to reach an agreement with all unleased parties as to pooling their interest for the development and operation of the well involved herein. Simultaneously with the filing of this application, Applicant has provided notice to each of the unleased parties set forth in Exhibit B-3 pursuant to the provisions of § 45.1-361.19 of the Virginia Code Annotated. Applicant hereby notifies the Board that where the identity or location of any person is shown as "unknown" on Exhibit B-3, then Applicant is unable to provide such person with written notice of the application herein. Conflicting Owners/Claimants in the Subject Drilling Unit are listed in Exhibit E. The interest of all unleased persons in the Formations underlying the drilling unit for well number VCI-530472 Nora 67-AO should be pooled for the development and operation thereof.
- (d) Applicant proposes to drill at the permitted location to an approximate depth of 2,517 feet on the Subject Lands to test for oil, gas and coalbed methane in the Subject Formations, including all Pennsylvanian age coals from the top of the Aily, including but not limited to Raven, Jawbone Rider, Jawbone, Tiller, Upper Seaboard, Greasy Creek, Upper Horsepen, Middle Horsepen, War Creek, Beckley, Lower Horsepen, Pocahontas #9, Pocahontas #3, Pocahontas #2, and Pocahontas #1 and any unnamed coal seams and other associated formations known as the Nora Coalbed Gas Field. Applicant estimates the cost for a well to said depth to be \$362,450.00 for a well completed for production. Exhibit C, attached hereto and made part hereof, is Applicant's signed Authorization For Expenditure ("AFE") which shows the estimated cost of drilling, completing and equipping said well.
- (e) The estimated production over the life of the proposed well is 610 mmcf. These figures concerning estimated production and the amount of reserves are, however, estimates only that are not based upon actual production and should not be relied upon for any purpose.

3. Legal Authority: The relief sought by this Application is authorized by Virginia Code Annotated § 45.1-361.21 et seq. and § 4 VAC 25-160-70 et seq.

4. Relief Sought: Applicant requests the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to enter an order pooling all unleased interests or estates of all persons or entities owning oil, gas and coalbed methane interests in the Formations underlying the tracts encompassed by the drilling unit supporting well number VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO, and (I) authorizing the drilling and operation of a well for the production of oil, gas and coalbed methane from the pooled acreage; (II) designating Applicant as the party authorized to drill and operate such well; (III) prescribing the time, manner, and other conditions under which unleased parties owning an interest in the oil, gas and coalbed methane may elect to participate in the operation of such well, or to exercise their rights of election under the applicable statutes; (IV) providing that all reasonable costs and expenses of drilling, completing, equipping, operating, plugging and abandoning such well shall be borne, and all production therefrom, shared, by all participating parties in the proportion which the acreage in the pooled tracts owned or under lease to each such participating party bears to the total acreage in such unit; and (V) making provision for the payment of all reasonable costs of the operation, including a reasonable supervision fee, to the Applicant by all parties who elect to participate therein or who elect to be carried interest owners.

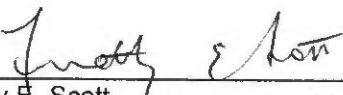
Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

ENERVEST OPERATING, L.L.C

  
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Timothy E. Scott  
MCKINNIS & SCOTT  
135 West Main Street, Suite 200  
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660  
(423) 247-9376

**VERIFICATION**

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

  
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Timothy E. Scott  
MCKINNIS & SCOTT

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Legal )  
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NOTICE OF HEARING

HEARING DATE: March 21, 2017  
PLACE: Russell County Conference Center  
Highland Drive  
Lebanon, Virginia  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA: To all unleased persons owning an interest in the oil, gas and coalbed methane in and underlying the unit surrounding VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO as described on Exhibit "A" to the Application, which is attached to this Notice, in Dickenson County, Virginia (hereinafter "Subject Lands") and adjacent lands, and in particular to the following persons, their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote:

See attached Exhibit B-3.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant is requesting that the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter "Board") issue an order pooling all the rights, interests, and estates of the unleased persons pursuant to Virginia Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 *et seq.* in regard to the drilling, development and production of oil, gas and coalbed methane from drilling unit VCI-530472 Nora Grid 67-AO, containing approximately 58.77 acres, located on the above-referenced tracts situated approximately 6,520 feet southwest of the intersection of Virginia State Routes 605 and 658 and approximately 6,750 feet southwest of Colley in the Sandlick District, Prater Ridge Quadrangle of Dickenson County, Virginia.

Applicant requests that the Board issue an order providing as follows:

- a. Pooling all the interests and estates of the persons named herein and their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote, for the drilling, development and production of oil, gas and coalbed methane from the subject drilling unit for the Subject Formations underlying and comprised of the Subject Lands;
- b. Establishing a procedure whereby each person named herein shall have the right to elect (1) to assign or lease his oil, gas and coalbed methane interest in the subject drilling unit to the designated operator; (2) to enter into a voluntary agreement with the designated operator

to share in the operation (including the sharing in all reasonable costs of the drilling of the well and development of the unit) at a rate of payment mutually agreed to by the person making the election hereunder and the designated operator herein; or (3) to share in the operation of the well as a nonparticipating operator on a carried basis after the proceeds allocable to such person's share equal the following:

In the case of a leased tract, 300 percent of the share of the costs allocable to such person's interest; or

In the case of an unleased tract, 200 percent of the share of costs allocable to such person's interest;

c. Providing that any person named herein who does not make a timely written election under the terms of the Order to be entered herein shall be deemed to have leased his oil, gas and coalbed methane interest in the subject drilling unit to the operator designated herein at a rate to be established by the Board;

d. Designating Applicant, EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., as Operator; providing that the Operator shall have the right to drill, develop, produce, market and sell oil, gas and coalbed methane produced from the subject drilling unit; granting the Operator the right to market and sell oil, gas and coalbed methane produced from the subject drilling unit which is attributable to the conflicting claims and interest pooled herein; providing that the Operator shall have an operator's lien on the oil, gas and coalbed methane estate and rights owned or claimed by the unleased persons named herein in the subject drilling unit; and granting the Operator the right to drill at any legal or specially permitted location on the subject drilling unit;

e. Making any necessary provision for the escrow of funds pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.22;

f. Providing that the Order to be entered herein shall expire two (2) years from the date of its issuance if operations for the development of the subject drilling unit have not commenced by said date; but further providing that if operations have commenced during said two year period, then said order shall remain in effect for so long as operations continue on the subject drilling unit;

g. Providing that the conduct of operations on any tract in the subject drilling unit shall be deemed to be the conduct of operations on all tracts in the drilling unit; and providing that the production allocated to any tract in the pooled drilling unit shall be in the same proportion as the acreage of that tract bears to the total acreage in the drilling unit; and

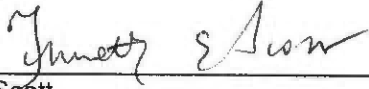
h. Granting such other relief as is merited by the evidence and is just and equitable, whether or not such relief has been specifically requested herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause has been set for hearing and the taking of evidence before the Board at **9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2017** at the **Russell County Conference Center, Highland Drive**, Lebanon, Virginia, and that notice will be published as required by the law and the rules of the Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that you may attend this hearing, with or without an attorney, and offer evidence or state any comments you have. The Board rules require that any written objections you wish to file must be filed with the Board at least 10 days before the hearing. For further information, contact the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Gas and Oil Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, 135 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia, 24266, (276) 415-9650 or the Applicant at the address shown below.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

EnerVest Operating, L.L.C.  
406 West Main Street  
P. O. Box 2136  
Abingdon, Virginia 24212



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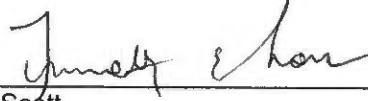
Timothy E. Scott

MCKINNIS & SCOTT,  
of Counsel for  
EnerVest Operating, L.L.C.  
135 West Main Street  
Suite 200  
Kingsport, Tennessee 37660  
(423) 247-9376

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Timothy E. Scott, of Counsel for EnerVest Operating, L.L.C., hereby certify that I have on this, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, caused the foregoing notice and application to be served upon parties listed herein, at their address, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



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Timothy E. Scott  
MCKINNIS & SCOTT



VCI-530472 PLAT  
TRACT OWNERSHIP INFORMATION SCHEDULE  
12/14/2016

- 1 . T-337  
Almareen Owens  
417.25 Acres  
ACIN LLC - coal  
Paramont Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
WBRD LLC - coal  
Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P., EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A1, L.P., &  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. - oil, gas & CBM  
Gas 45.41 Ac. 77.27%
  
- 2 . E. S. Finney  
35.63 Acres  
ACIN LLC - coal  
Paramont Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
WBRD LLC - coal  
Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P., EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A1, L.P., &  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. - oil, gas & CBM  
Gas 2.69 Ac. 4.58%
  
- 3 . T-305  
Alex Hackney  
101.02 Acres  
ACIN LLC - coal  
Paramont Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
WBRD LLC - coal  
Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P., EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A1, L.P., &  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. - oil, gas & CBM  
Gas 7.26 Ac. 12.35%
  
- 4 . T-305  
Alex Hackney  
101.02 Acres  
ACIN LLC - coal  
Paramont Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
WBRD LLC - coal  
Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC - coal lessee  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P., EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A1, L.P., &  
EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. - (CBM)  
Unleased  
10 Acres  
Unknown heirs of Albert Hackney - oil, gas & CBM  
Gas 3.41 Ac. 5.80%

**Exhibit "B"**  
**VCI-530472**

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Lessor</b>	<b>Lease Status</b>	<b>Interest Within Unit</b>	<b>Gross Acreage in Unit</b>
<b>Coal Estate Only</b>				
1	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # 20518	Owner	77.27000000	45.41000000
2	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # Minerals Only	Owner	4.58000000	2.69000000
3	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # 20488	Owner	12.35000000	7.26000000
4	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # Minerals Only	Owner	5.80000000	3.41000000
<b>TOTAL GAS ESTATE</b>			100.00000000	58.77000000
Percentage of Unit Leased		100.00000000		
Percentage of Unit Unleased		0.00000000		
Acreage in Unit Leased		58.77000000		
Acreage in Unit Unleased		0.00000000		

**Exhibit "B"**  
**VCI-530472**

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Lessor</b>	<b>Lease Status</b>	<b>Interest Within</b>	<b>Gross Acreage</b>
<b>Gas Estate Only</b>				
1	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # 20518	Owner	77.27000000	45.41000000
2	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # Minerals Only	Owner	4.58000000	2.69000000
3	EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-A, L.P. & EnerVest Energy Institutional Fund XIV-WIC, L.P. Attn: Jim McKinney 408 West Main Street Abingdon, VA 24210 Tax # 20488	Owner	12.35000000	7.26000000
4	Albert Hackney Heirs Unknown Tax # Minerals Only	Unleased	5.80000000	3.41000000
<b>TOTAL GAS ESTATE</b>			<b>100.00000000</b>	<b>58.77000000</b>
Percentage of Unit Leased		94.20000000		
Percentage of Unit Unleased		5.80000000		
Acreage in Unit Leased		55.36000000		
Acreage in Unit Unleased		3.41000000		

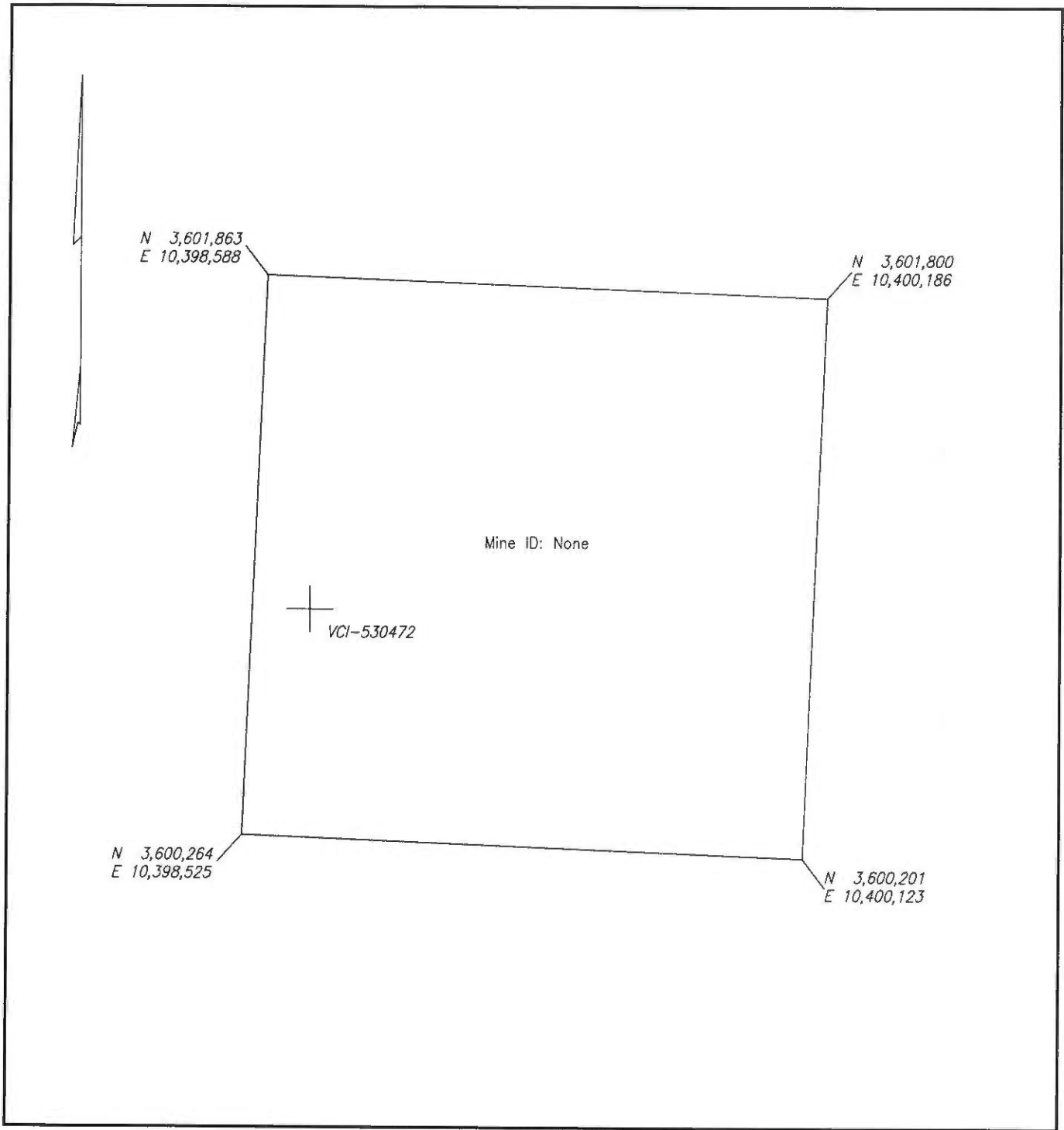
**Exhibit "B-3"**  
**VCI-530472**

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Lessor</b>	<b>Lease Status</b>	<b>Interest Within Unit</b>	<b>Gross Acreage in Unit</b>
<b>Gas Estate Only</b>				
4	Albert Hackney Heirs Unknown Tax # Minerals Only	Unleased	5.80000000	3.41000000
<b>TOTAL GAS ESTATE</b>			<b>5.80000000</b>	<b>3.41000000</b>



**Exhibit "E" - Escrow Owners  
VCI-530472**

<b>Tract</b>	<b>Lessor</b>	<b>Lease Status</b>	<b>Interest Within Unit</b>	<b>Gross Acreage in Unit</b>
4	Albert Hackney Heirs Unknown Tax # Minerals Only	Unleased	5.80000000	3.41000000
	<b>TOTAL GAS ESTATE</b>		<b>5.80000000</b>	<b>3.41000000</b>



WELL & MINE LOCATION MAP NORA GRID AO-67

COMPANY EnerVest Operating, LLC WELL NAME AND NUMBER VCI-530472  
 QUADRANGLE Prater PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 12-14-2016

NOTE: The mine locations are approximate locations taken from downloaded DMME data.  
 The maps are to be used for anticipated drilling hazards only.

Exhibit L



February 15, 2017

Mr. Rick Cooper  
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy  
Division of Gas and Oil  
135 Highland Drive  
P.O. Box 159  
Lebanon, VA 24266

Re: **Due Diligence**  
**Albert Hackney, 10ac**  
**VCI-530472**

Dear Mr. Cooper:

According to the public records of Dickenson County, Virginia, Albert Hackney was the record title owner to the surface, oil, and gas under a 10 acre tract in 1906. By deed dated February 16, 1906, of record in Dickenson County Deed Book 26, Page 126, Alexander Hackney Etux. conveyed the 10 acre tract to Albert Hackney.

There is no Will or List of Heirs filed in Dickenson County for Albert Hackney, and record title to the oil and gas stops on February 16, 1906. This tract of acreage was encountered several years ago by a previous operator, EQT Production Company, and was force pooled as an unknown owner. Enervest personnel have reviewed EQT's files as well as the third party title opinions and attempted to update the owners, but has been unable to find any current information on an Albert Hackney, his heirs or assigns. It is my opinion that an accurate and complete list of current heirs for Albert Hackney would be impossible to gather.

Therefore, Enervest Operating Company, Inc. has made a diligent effort to locate the unknown heirs of Albert Hackney.

Please feel free to contact me by email or 276-926-1356 should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,  
Larry Reeves  
Landman

CC: Tim Scott