

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

Applicant: EnerVest Operating, LLC )  
 )  
Relief Sought: Well Location Exception )  
Well Number 900148 )Docket Number  
 )VGOB-17-0516-4118  
 )  
Legal Description: Big Sandy Fuel Corporation Tract )  
216.26-acre Tract )  
Elkhorn City Quadrangle )  
Sandlick District )  
Dickenson County, Virginia )

APPLICATION

1. Parties:

1.1 Applicant herein is EnerVest Operating, LLC, whose address for the purposes hereof is 406 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210, 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.

1.2 Applicant is the owner of the right to develop and produce oil and gas from all formations, from surface to total depth drilled in accordance with the permit submitted by applicant and located within the Sandlick District of Dickenson County, Virginia, and underlying the lands depicted at Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof and to appropriate the oil and gas produced therefrom.

2. Allegation of Facts:

2.1 Applicant has proposed a plan of development and operation of the formations underlying the drilling unit involved herein and depicted at Exhibit "A" and has proposed to commence such plan of development and operation of such unit by a conventional gas well, designated as Well Number 900148, to be drilled upon the lands involved herein so as to produce oil and gas from such unit.

2.2 That the unit depicted at Exhibit "A" hereof is subject to statewide spacing as provided under Virginia Code Annotated Section 45.1-361.17 (A) (2). This section provides that "wells drilled in search of gas shall not be located closer than 2500 feet to any other well completed in the same pool." In consideration of all known conditions, it is the opinion of the Applicant that such distance limitation is not feasible for the unit described in Exhibit "A," because there is no legal location.

2.3 That to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and provide for the maximum safe recovery of the mineral resources underlying the Commonwealth, the Board should allow for an exception to the distance limitation and statewide spacing.

2.4 That the proposed well, at the location requested by Applicant, is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying the unit described at Exhibit "A" which cannot be adequately and efficiently drained without an exception to the distance limitations and spacing rules.

2.5 The drilling unit involved herein is a circle having a radius of 1250 feet from the proposed well bore to be located 4,375 feet West of Longitude Line 82 degrees 15 minutes and 00 seconds and 8,790 feet South of the Latitude Line 37 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds (Virginia State Plane South Zone Coordinates North 361,967.71 and East 904,672.88) in the Elkhorn City Quadrangle, Dickenson County, Virginia.

2.6 That EnerVest Operating, LLC, Well No. 809585 lies 2,287 feet South 70 degrees 26 minutes West of proposed Well No. 900148 and EnerVest Operating, LLC, Well No. 820215 lies 2,405 feet South 27 degrees 34 minutes East of proposed Well No. 900148.

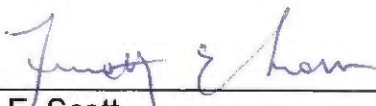
2.7 That proposed Well No. 900148 is located on the Big Sandy Fuel Corporation 216.26-acre Tract and Applicant anticipates producing all the Mississippian and Devonian Age formations including, but not limited to, Ravencliff, Maxton, Big Lime, Weir, Berea and Devonian Shale, from surface to total depth drilled, 5,657 feet.

3. Legal Authority: The relief sought by this Application is authorized by Virginia Code Annotated § 45.1-361.17.

4. Relief Sought: Applicant requests the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to enter an order to enable Well No. 900148 to be drilled as depicted on the plat attached as Exhibit "A" and that Applicant be granted the right to produce these formations which appear on the well work permit submitted to the Inspector.

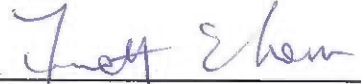
DATED this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC

  
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Timothy E. Scott  
McKinnis & Scott

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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VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS, AND ENERGY  
LEBANON, VIRGINIA

DOCKET NUMBER: VGOB-17-0516-4118

APPLICANT: EnerVest Operating, LLC

RELIEF SOUGHT: WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION  
Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.17

WELL NO.: 900148

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Big Sandy Fuel Corporation Tract )  
216.26-Acre Tract )  
Elkhorn City Quadrangle )  
Sandlick District )  
Dickenson County, Virginia )

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: See Exhibit B

Notice is hereby given that the Applicant in this cause is requesting the Virginia Gas and Oil Board to authorize the drilling of the proposed well to produce formations from surface to total depth drilled as set forth in the attached application.


Notice is further given that this matter is set for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Russell County Office Building, Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia, at which time and place all interested persons may appear and be heard. Any questions concerning said hearing may be directed to the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Gas and Oil Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, 135 Highland Drive, Lebanon, Virginia 24266 (276) 415-9650.

  
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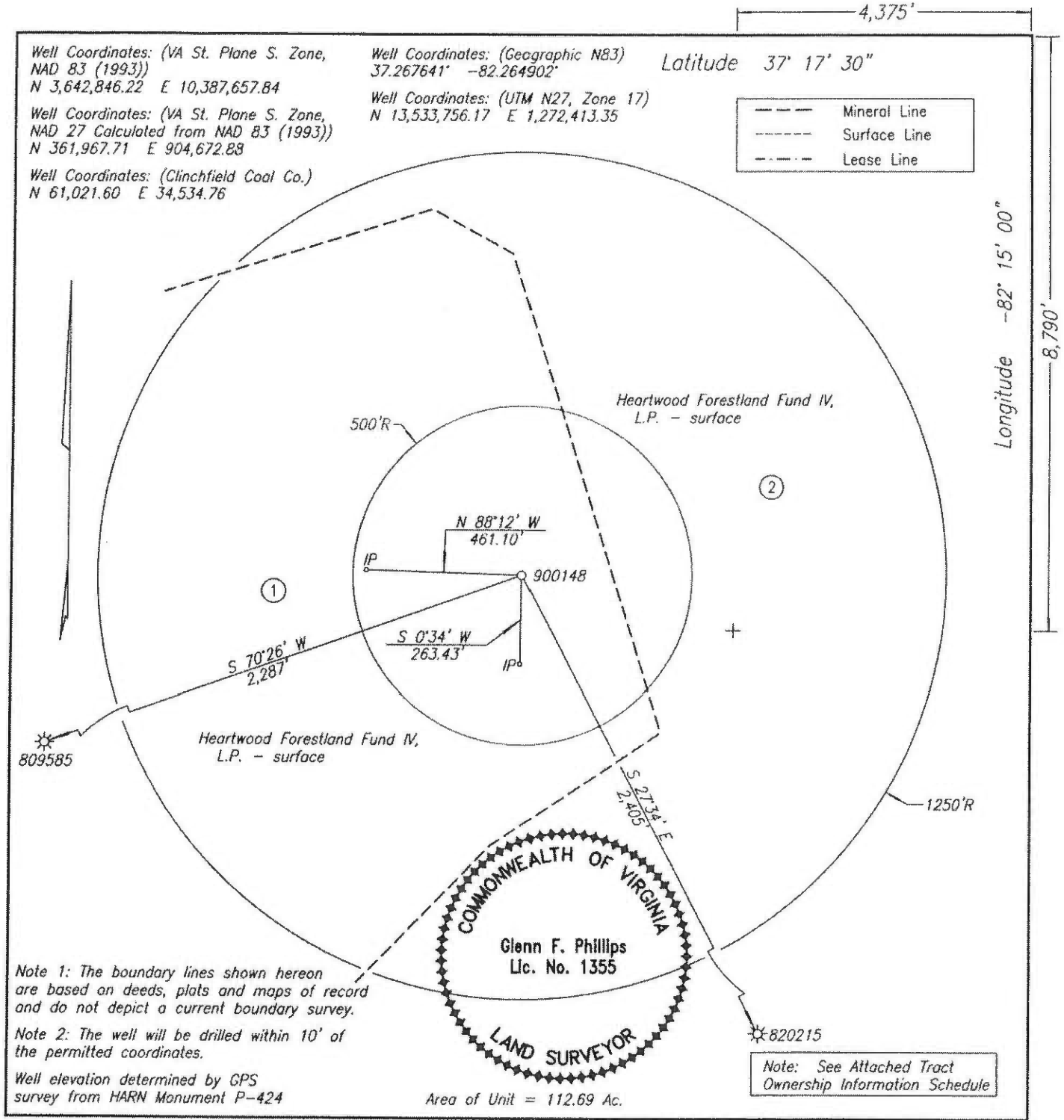
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Timothy E. Scott, counsel for EnerVest Operating, LLC, hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing notice and application to be served upon the parties listed herein, at their address, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Dated this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
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Timothy E. Scott  
McKinnis & Scott

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WELL LOCATION PLAT NORA GRID O-59

COMPANY EnerVest Operating, LLC WELL NAME AND NUMBER 900148  
 TRACT NO. Big Sandy Fuel Corp. ELEVATION 1,918.16' QUADRANGLE Elkhorn City  
 COUNTY Dickenson DISTRICT Sandlick SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 2-16-2017

This Plat is a new plat x; an updated plat     ; or a final location plat     

+ Denotes the location of a well on United States topographic Maps, scale 1 to 24,000, latitude and longitude lines being represented by border lines as shown

*Glenn F. Phillips*

~~Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor~~

**EXHIBIT A**

**900148 PLAT**  
**TRACT OWNERSHIP INFORMATION SCHEDULE**  
2/16/2017

- 1 . Big Sandy Fuel Corporation  
216.26 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  
Gas 57.95 Ac. 51.42%
  
- 2 . Big Sandy Fuel Corporation  
12,627.34 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  
Gas 54.74 Ac. 48.58%

**Exhibit "B"**

**Well Location Exception Well No. 900148**

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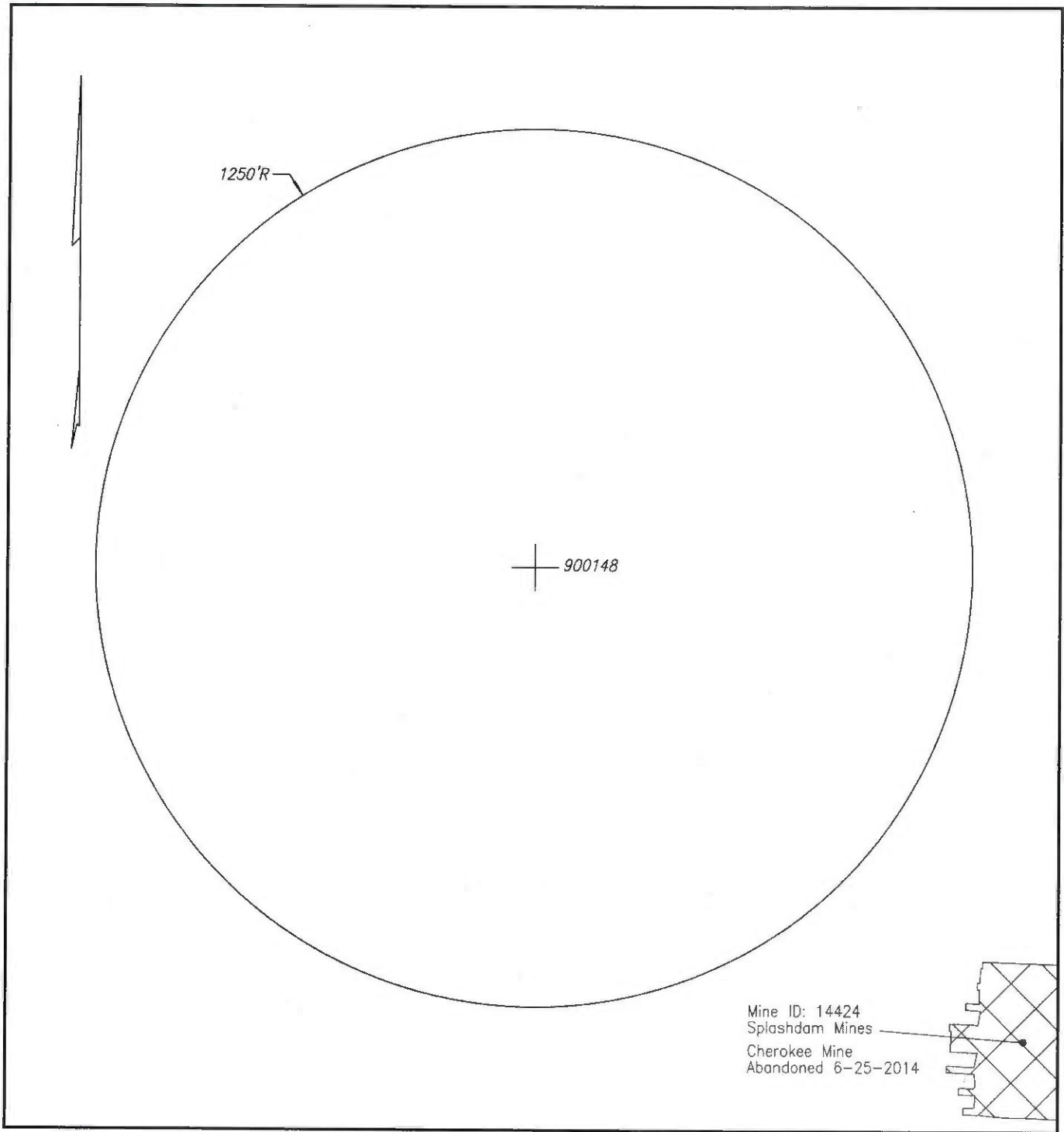
**DEPTH -            5,657'**

ACIN, LLC  
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5260 Irwin Rd  
Huntington, WV 25705-3247

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Dickenson-Russell Contura, LLC  
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WELL & MINE LOCATION MAP NORA GRID 0-59

COMPANY EnerVest Operating, LLC WELL NAME AND NUMBER 900148  
 QUADRANGLE Elkhorn City PERMIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 2-16-2017

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