

6. **Plat:** See Plat and Identification Tract attached hereto as Exhibit A. Per 4VAC25-160-40, the Plat is certified by Richard L. Bailey, a licensed land surveyor.
7. **Permit Number(s):** Not applicable.
8. **Description of the Status of Interest to be Pooled:** Applicant seeks to pool the interests of: Tazewell Coal and Gas Company, LLC and Pocahontas Gas, LLC. Respondents' interests are set out more fully in Exhibits B and B-3.
9. **Percentage of Total Interest Held by Applicant:** 81.714%
10. **Description of the Formation or Formations to be Produced:** All the coal seams and associated strata below the Tiller seam, including Pocahontas 3.
11. **Estimate of Total Production:** The estimated total production from the subject drilling unit is **125 to 550** MMCF; and the estimated amount of reserves from the subject drilling unit is **125 to 550** MMCF. Please note that these figures are mere estimates. They are not based on actual production nor are they indicative of actual reserves to be recovered.
12. **An Estimate of the Allowable Costs:** 18 East Panel Estimate of the Allowable Cost = **\$1,219,761.97** (DEC) and **\$272,958.95** (Other); 19 East Panel Estimate of the Allowable Cost = **\$1,474,610.41** (DEC) **\$432,032.06** (Other). Estimated Well Costs=**\$715,677.00**.
13. **Attestation:** The foregoing application to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief is true and correct.

Dated 18th day of July, 2025.

DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC

By: 
Charity A. Barger, Esq. (VSB: 93380)
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make any necessary provision for the escrowing of funds; (f) and grant such further relief as this cause may require, whether or not specifically requested.

4. **Legal authority**: The relief sought by this Application is authorized by Virginia Code Annotated §45.1-1600 *et seq.*; 4VAC25-160-10 *et seq.*; and Virginia Gas and Oil Board Orders OGCB 3-90; VGOB-91-1119-162; VGOB 93-0316-0348 and 93-0316-0349. Notice is provided pursuant to Virginia Code Annotated §45.2-1618 and 4VAC25-160-40.
5. **Type of Wells**: Coalbed methane GOB wells.
6. **Plat**: *See* Plat and Identification Tract attached hereto as Exhibit A. Per 4VAC25-160-40, the Plat is certified by Richard L. Bailey, a licensed land surveyor.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diversified Production, LLC, 100 Diversified Way, P.O. Box 3878, Pikeville, KY 41502 is requesting that the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (the "Board") issue an order pooling all interests in Unit F-38 and to name it as Unit Operator.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause has been set for hearing and the taking of evidence before the Board at 10:00 a.m. on August 19, 2025, at the Virginia Energy Office, 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219, and that notice will be published as required by law and the Rules of the Board. All interested persons may attend this hearing, with or without an attorney, and offer evidence or state any comments you may have. For further information, contact the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Gas and Oil Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, Division of Oil and Gas, 3405 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219, Phone: 276-415-9700, or the applicant at the address shown above.

Dated this 18th day of July, 2025.

DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION, LLC

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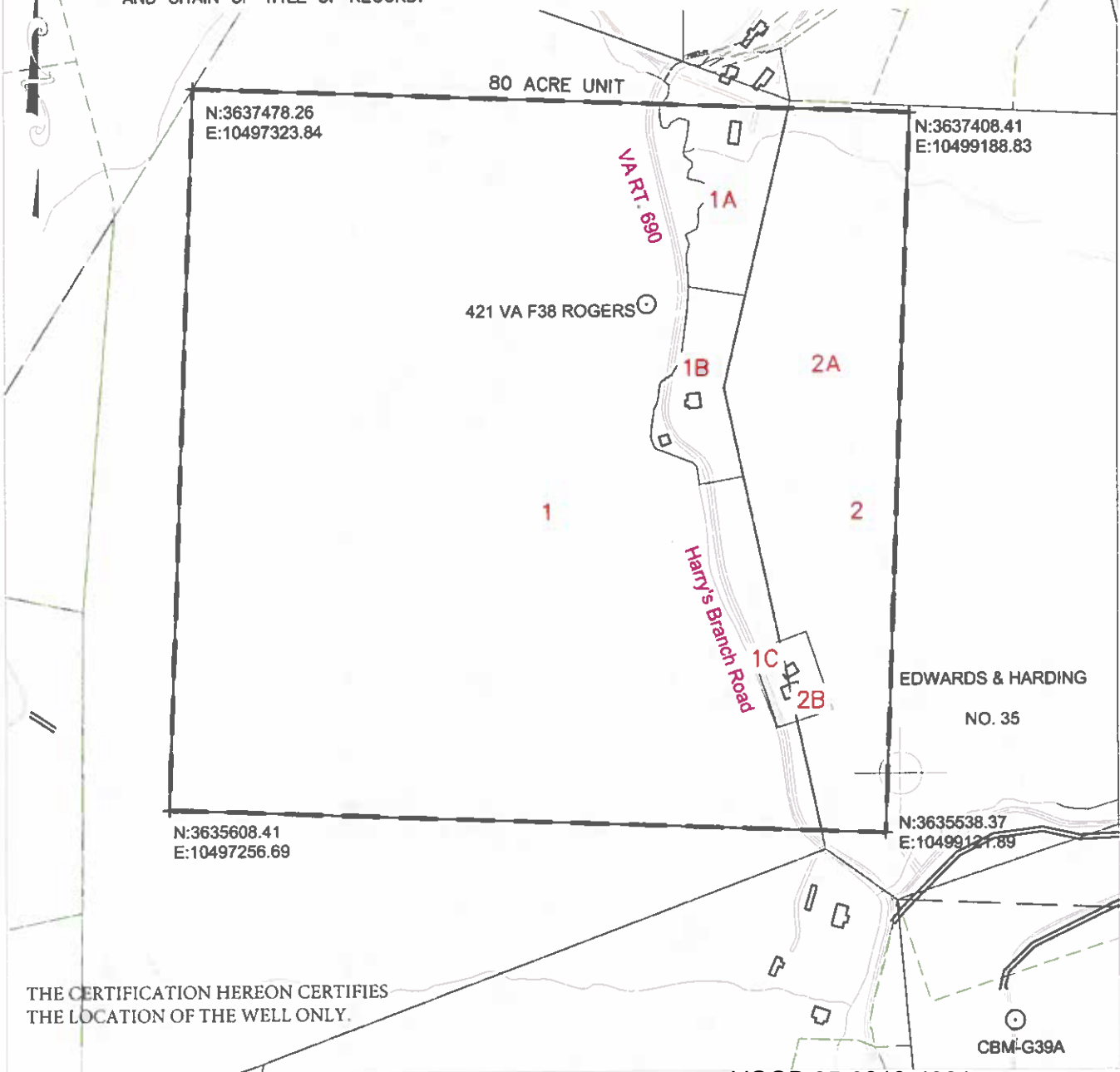
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PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THIS PLAT DO NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY. THEY WERE PROVIDED BY BUCHANAN MINERALS LLC AND WERE TAKEN FROM DEED DESCRIPTIONS AND CHAIN OF TITLE OF RECORD.



THE CERTIFICATION HEREON CERTIFIES THE LOCATION OF THE WELL ONLY.

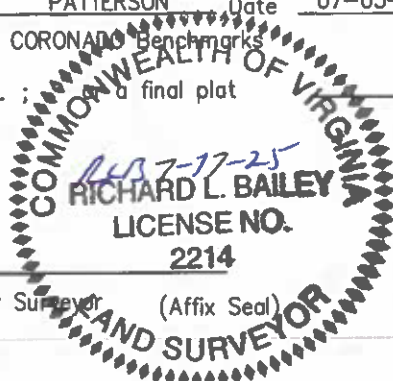
EXHIBIT A OAKWOOD FIELD UNIT F38 FORCE POOLING VGOB 25-0819-4321

Company DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC Well Name or Number UNIT F38
 Tract No. _____ Scale: 1" = 400'
 County BUCHANAN District GARDEN Quadrangle PATTERSON Date 07-03-25
 Elevation _____ Well Elevation Determined By Trig. Levels From CORONADO Benchmarks
 This plat is a new plat X ; an updated plat _____ ; a final plat _____

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Richard L. Bailey

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor (Affix Seal)



Diversified Productions, LLC

UNIT F38

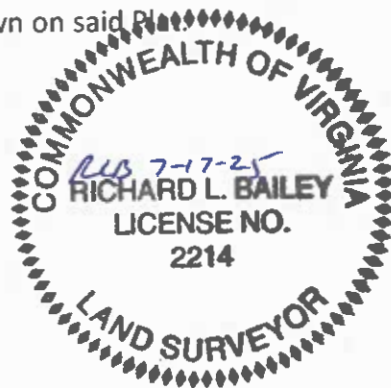
Tract Identifications

1. Buchanan Energy Company LLC (Tract 70) – All Mineral
Buchanan Mining Company LLC – Coal Underlying the Tiller Seam Leased
Diversified Productions, LLC – Oil, Gas, and CBM Leased (Deemed leased via JOA)
65.371 Acres 81.714%
 - 1A. David Church– Surface
 - 1B. Melanie Renee Keen and Beverly Kaye Keen – Surface
 - 1C. Edd Sparks - Surface

2. Tazewell Coal and Gas Company, LLC (120 Acre Tract)
Buchanan Mining Company LLC – Below Drainage Coal Leased
14.629 Acres 18.286%
Pocahontas Gas, LLC – CBM Leased
 - 2A. Anthony Joe Layne et ux - Surface
 - 2B. Edd Sparks

CERTIFICATION

On this 17th day of July, 2025, I hereby certify that the acreages and the percentage of the acreages in each tract in Unit F38 as outlined above, and in the Plat attached as Exhibit A, are correct and accurate. These values were calculated with reference to the boundaries of the tracts shown on said Plat.



Richard L. Bailey

**Exhibit B
All Parties in the Unit
Tract Identification/Ownership Within Unit
VGOB Docket No. 25-0819-4321
Unit F38**

COAL ESTATE

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Acres In Unit</u>	<u>Percent of Interest in Unit</u>	<u>Lease</u>
Tract 1 1232.67 Acres (Tract 70)	Buchanan Energy Company, LLC 520 Forsythe Road Suite 102 Bristol, VA 24202	65.371	81.714%	Leased Buchanan Mining
Tract 2 120 Acres	Tazewell Coal and Gas Company, LLC P.O. Box 675 Tazewell, VA 24651	14.629	18.286%	Leased Buchanan Mining

GAS ESTATE

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Acres In Unit</u>	<u>Percent of Interest in Unit</u>	<u>18 Panel Interest</u>	<u>19 Panel Interest</u>	<u>CBM Lease</u>
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Tract 2 120 Acres	Tazewell Coal and Gas Company, LLC P.O. Box 675 Tazewell, VA 24651	14.629	18.286%	2.1645%	3.639%	Leased Pocahontas

Percentage of Unit Leased by Applicant – Gas = 81.714%

Acres Leased by Applicant – Gas = 65.371

**Exhibit B-3
 Unleased Parties in the Unit
 Parties Who Have Not Reached Agreement with Operator
 VGOB Docket No. 25-0819-4321
 Unit F38**

GAS ESTATE

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Percentage of Unit Unleased Gas Estate = 18.286%%

Acreege in Unit Unleased – Gas Estate = 14.629

Company: Diversified Production LLC _____

Virginia Department of Energy Gas and Oil Program Template -- Estimate Authorization For Expenditure (AFE)

AFE # N/A	Property # N/A	Version #
Well Name: F 38 Unit	Field: Oakwood	Completed By: RRS
Location: Buchanan County	Operator: Diversified Production LLC	Date: 7/18/2025
Expected Pay Zones: Coal Seams below Tiller incl.Poca 3	Estimated Total Depth: 1,830 ft	AAPG Class: CBM
Proposed Work: To Drill and Produce	Participant(s): N/A	W.I. Amount
		\$715,677

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Gen	Sub	Description	Casing Point	Completion	Total Cost
		Leasehold Costs	\$950	\$0	\$950
		Permit / Title Opinion / Survey / Insurance	\$4,940	\$0	\$4,940
		Building Location	\$66,500	\$0	\$66,500
		Roads / Stone / Culverts	\$0,000	\$0	\$0
		Surface Damages	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Drilling - Contract	\$406,751	\$0	\$406,751
		Drilling - Mobilization	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Drilling - Dayrate	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Mud & Chemicals (Drilling)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Fuel	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Cement Casing	\$0	\$50,913	\$50,913
		Cement Intermediate casing	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Open Hole Logging & Testing	\$4,560	\$0	\$4,560
		Trucking / Dozer (Drilling)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Rental Tools & Equipment (Drilling)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Drilling - Bits	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Technical Supervision (Drilling)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Fresh Water Hauling (Drilling)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Overhead Rate	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Misc. & Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Location Rds/Stone/Culverts	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Trucking / Dozer (Completion)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Technical Supervision (Completion)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Cased Hole Logging / Perforating	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Stimulation / Fracturing	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Completion Rig	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Reclamation & Damages	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Haul Pit Water / Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Cement Production Casing	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Rental Tools & Equipment (Completion)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Fresh Water Hauling (Completion)	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Roustabout Labor	\$0	\$3,040	\$3,040
TOTAL INTANGIBLES			\$483,701	\$53,953.35	\$537,654

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Code	Code	Description	Casing Point	Completion	Total Cost
		Well Casing	\$0	\$122,408	\$122,408
		" 26 lb/ft LS Surface Csg	\$0	\$0	\$0
		" 19 lb/ft LS Intermediate Csg	\$0	\$0	\$0
		4 1/2" 9.5 lb/ft M-65 Production Csg	\$0	\$0	\$0
		4 1/2" 10.5 lb/ft M-65 Production Csg	\$0	\$0	\$0
		2-3/8" 4.7 lb/ft J55 8rd Production Tubing	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Wellhead Equipment / Fittings	\$0	\$10,122	\$10,122
		Tank Battery	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Separator / Heater / Treater	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Electrical	\$0	\$16,992	\$16,992
		Rods / Stuffing Box	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Downhole Pump	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Pumping Unit / Motor	\$0	\$0	\$0
		SS EQT-Packer,PF,FC,Nip	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Valves & Fittings	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Flow Line labor/material	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Sales line labor/mat/row	\$0	\$28,500	\$28,500
TOTAL TANGIBLES			\$0	\$178,022	\$0

GRAND TOTAL WELL COST			\$483,701	\$231,975	\$715,677
000	000	Plugging & Abandonment	\$50,021		
			\$715,677	Dry Hole Costs :	\$533,722

Operations _____ Date _____

Engineering _____ Date _____

Management Approval: Approved by: *Travis Cooke* Title: *Vice President of Upstream* Date: *7/18/25*

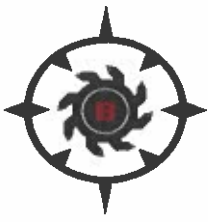
As a consequence of ongoing discussions, the responsibility of plugging costs may be assumed by Buchanan Minerals, LLC.
 As a consequence of ongoing discussions, Buchanan Minerals, LLC may contribute capital for each well in in exchange for an overriding royalty reimbursement to provide degasification of their mine.
 THIS IS AN ESTIMATE OF PROJECTED WELL DRILLING, COMPLETION, EQUIPMENT AND PIPELINE COSTS. THESE ESTIMATES ARE PROJECTIONS ONLY AND ACTUAL BILLED COSTS MAY VARY FROM WELL TO WELL DEPENDING UPON ACTUAL FINAL DEPTH AND OTHER FACTORS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SEASONAL MATERIAL COSTS, WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND UNFORESEEN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROBLEMS.

Acreage Panel		201.07
DEC Projected Well Cost	\$	715,677
Other Projected Well Cost	\$	753,344
Number DEC Wells		5
Number Other Wells		12
Total DEC Capital	\$	3,578,385
Total Other Capital	\$	9,040,128
Total Panel Capital	\$	12,618,513

18 East	Acres in Panel Unit	Percentage of Panel Unit	DEC%	Other%	DEC Realized %	Other Realized %	Percentage Capital DEC %	Percentage Capital Other %
F36	3.26	1.6%	77.1%	22.9%	1.25%	0.37%	\$ 157,742.07	\$ 46,845.15
G36	2.8	1.4%	0%	100.0%	0.00%	1.39%	-	\$ 175,719.08
F37	23.06	11.5%	55.4%	44.6%	6.36%	5.11%	\$ 802,348.43	\$ 644,823.74
G37	19.36	9.6%	7.2%	92.8%	0.69%	8.94%	\$ 86,885.52	\$ 1,128,086.44
F38	23.8	11.8%	81.7%	18.3%	9.67%	2.16%	\$ 1,220,490.29	\$ 273,121.93
G38	18.9	9.4%	18.4%	81.6%	1.73%	7.67%	\$ 218,349.45	\$ 967,754.37
F39	24.54	12.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	12.20%	-	\$ 1,540,052.27
G39	18.32	9.1%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	9.11%	-	\$ 1,149,704.87
F40	25.27	12.6%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	12.57%	-	\$ 1,585,864.74
G40	17.57	8.7%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	8.74%	-	\$ 1,102,637.26
F41	14.57	7.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	7.25%	-	\$ 914,366.81
G41	9.62	4.8%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	4.78%	-	\$ 603,720.57
	201.07	100.00%		100.00%		100.00%	\$	12,618,513

Acreage Panel		171.4
DEC Projected Well Cost	\$	715,677
Other Projected Well Cost	\$	753,344
Number DEC Wells		5
Number Other Wells		8
Total DEC Capital	\$	3,578,385
Total Other Capital	\$	6,026,752
Total Panel Capital	\$	9,605,137

19 East	Acres in Panel Unit	Percentage of Panel Unit	DEC%	Other%	DEC Realized %	Other Realized %	Percentage Capital DEC %	Percentage Capital Other %
E36	1.16	0.7%	100.0%	0%	0.68%	0.00%	\$ 65,005.59	\$ -
F36	5.27	3.1%	77.1%	23%	2.37%	0.70%	\$ 227,704.90	\$ 67,622.24
E37	8.07	4.7%	90.4%	9.6%	4.26%	0.45%	\$ 408,856.83	\$ 43,380.36
F37	34.78	20.3%	55.4%	44.6%	12.92%	7.37%	\$ 1,241,293.35	\$ 707,753.70
E38	8.8	5.1%	21.3%	78.7%	1.09%	4.04%	\$ 104,874.90	\$ 388,270.99
F38	34.05	19.9%	81.7%	18.3%	15.36%	4.50%	\$ 1,475,767.34	\$ 432,371.02
E39	9.54	5.6%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	5.57%	\$ -	\$ 534,614.98
F39	33.31	19.4%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	19.43%	\$ -	\$ 1,866,669.27
E40	8.68	5.1%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	5.06%	\$ -	\$ 486,421.17
F40	27.74	16.2%	0.0%	100.0%	0.00%	16.18%	\$ -	\$ 1,554,530.34
	171.4	100.0%		100%		100.00%	\$	9,605,137



BUCHANAN MINERALS LLC

July 9, 2025

Virginia Department of Energy
Division of Gas and Oil
3405 Mountain Empire RD
Big Stone Gas, VA 24219

To whom it may Concern.

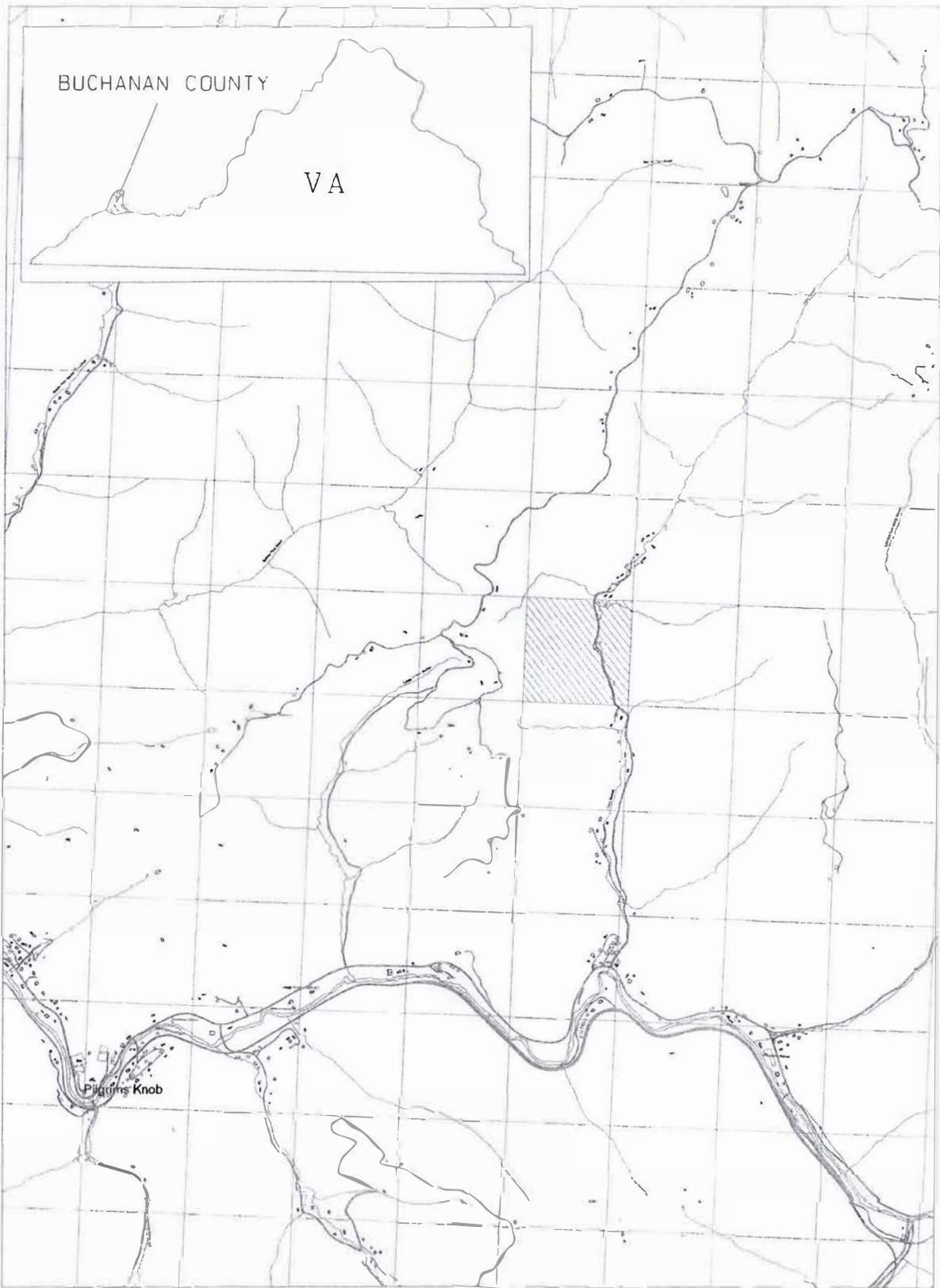
Please be advised that Buchanan Minerals LLC by a certain Mining, Management and Administrative Services Agreement dated March 31, 2016, has the ability to operate and manage assets related to property held by Coronado IV LLC. Buchanan Minerals has no objections to well drilled or proposed to be drilled by Diversified Energy Company deviating more than 1 degree from vertical. Diversified Energy Company will provide a deviation survey to Buchanan Minerals LLC at the address below upon written request.

By: *Brett Holbrook*

Brett Holbrook

Vice President
Buchanan Minerals,
LLC
100 Bill Baker Way
Beckley, WV 25801
681-207-7268
bholbrook@coronadoglobal.com

Witness: *Steve J. [Signature]*



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EXHIBIT A1
UNIT F-38
VGOB 25-0819-4321

THIS REQUESTED NON-MANDATORY DRAFT PROPOSED ORDER IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY, NOT A PROFFER, AND IS MADE WITHOUT WAIVING THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN, ARGUE, OR ASSERT CONTRARY POSITIONS, TO SEEK DIFFEENT OR ADDITIONAL FINDINGS OR RULINGS FOR ANY REASSON INCLUDING UPON EVIDENCE, ARGUMENT, FINDINGS, ASSERTION, DEVELOPING LEGAL THEORIES OR CONTENTIONS, AND RESERVING AND PRESERVING ALL BASES, DEFENSES, ARGUMENTS, AND OPPOSITION TO ANY COMPETING APPLICATION(S).

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

<p>APPLICANT:</p> <p>RELIEF</p> <p>SOUGHT:</p>	<p>DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTION LLC</p> <p>POOLING OF INTERESTS IN DRILLING UNIT F-38 LOCATED IN THE OAKWOOD COALBED METHANE GAS FIELDS I & II, AS AMENDED, VGOB 93-0316-0348 and VGOB 93-0316-0349 PURSUANT TO VA.CODE §§ 45.2- 1620 AND 45.2-1622, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OCCLUDED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM COALBEDS AND ROCK STRATA ASSOCIATED THEREWITH (herein Collectively referred to as "Coalbed Methane Gas" or "Gas")</p>	<p>VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD</p> <p>DOCKET NO. VGOB 25-0819-4321</p>
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DRILLING UNIT NUMBER F-38
(herein "Subject Drilling Unit")
IN THE **OAKWOOD COALBED METHANE**
GAS FIELDS I & II, as amended,
VGOB 93-0316-0348 and VGOB 93-0316- 0349
GARDEN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT,
PATTERSON QUADRANGLE
BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
(the "Subject Lands" are more
particularly described on **Exhibit A,**
attached hereto and made a part hereof)

REPORT OF THE BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

1. Hearing Date and Place: This came for final hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil board (hereafter "Board") at 10:00 a.m. on **August 19, 2025** in person and via teleconference.

2. Appearances: Benjamin A. Street, Esquire, of the firm Street Law Firm, LLP, appeared for the Applicant.

3. Jurisdiction and Notice: Pursuant to Va. Code §§ 45.2-1600 *et seq.*, the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a search of the reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of gas and oil owners, coal owners, mineral owners and/or potential owners, i.e., persons identified by Applicant as having ("Owner") or claiming ("Claimant") the rights to Coalbed Methane Gas in all coal seams below the Tiller Seam, including Pocahontas No. 3, and various unnamed coal seams and rock strata associated.

therewith (hereafter "Subject Formation") in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands; (2) represented it has given notice to those parties (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code §§ 45.2-1618 and 45.2-1622, to notice of the Application filed herein; and (3) that the persons set forth in their Application and Notice of Hearing have been identified by Applicant through its due diligence as Owners of Claimants of Coalbed Methane Gas interests in Subject Formation, in Subject Drilling Unit and that the persons identified in **Exhibit B-3** attached hereto are persons identified by Applicant who may be Owners or Claimants of Coalbed Methane Gas interests in Subject Formation who have not heretofore agreed to lease or sell to the Applicant and/or voluntarily pool their Gas interests. Further, the Board has caused notice of this hearing to be published as required by Va. Code § 45.2-1618.B. Whereupon, the Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of due process.

4. Amendments: **None**

5. Dismissal: **None**

6. Relief Requested: Applicant requests (1) that pursuant to Va. Code § 45.2-1622, including the applicable portions of Va. Code § 45.2-1620, the Board pool all the rights, interests and estates in and to the Gas in Subject Drilling Unit, including the pooling of the interests of the Applicant and of the known and unknown persons named in Exhibit B-3 hereto and that of their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote, for the drilling and operation, including production, of Coalbed Methane Gas, produced from or allocated to designated wells in the Subject Drilling Unit established for the Subject Formation underlying and comprised of the Subject Lands, (hereafter sometimes collectively identified and referred to as "Well Development and/or Operation in the Subject Drilling Unit"), and (2) that the Board reject the competing pooling application of Pocahontas Gas LLC and (3) designate Diversified Productions LLC as Operator of the wells

7. Relief Granted: The Applicant's requested relief in this cause shall be and hereby is granted: (1) Pursuant to Va. Code § 45.2-1620, Diversified Productions, LLC (hereafter "Operator") is designated as the Operator authorized to operate the designated wells in the Subject Drilling Unit depicted on the plat attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to the permit

provisions contained in Va. Code §§ 45.2-1629 et seq.; to the Oakwood Coalbed Methane Gas Field II Order docket number VGOB 91-1119-162, effective December 17, 1991, as amended; to §§ 4 VAC 25-150 et seq., Gas and Oil Regulations; and to §§ 4 VAC 25-160 et seq., Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations, all as amended from time to time, and (2) all the interests and estates in and to the Gas in Subject Drilling Unit, including that of the Applicant and of the known and unknown persons listed on **Exhibit B-3**, attached hereto and made a part hereof, and their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, assigns and successors, both immediate and remote, be and hereby are pooled in the Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of the Subject Lands.

Pursuant to the Oakwood II Field Rules promulgated under the authority of Va. Code § 45.2-1619, the Board has adopted the following method for the calculation of production and revenue and allocation of allowable costs for the production of Coalbed Methane Gas, dependent on the particular long wall mining plan applicable to each 80-acre drilling unit. The designated Operator of any 80-acre drilling unit or units within the boundaries, of which any long wall panel which has been isolated by the driving of entries is located and from which Unsealed Gob Gas, or Short Hole Gas authorized by the Code of Virginia is produced, shall calculate production and revenue based upon the mine plan as implemented within each affected 80-acre drilling unit and in particular, based upon the mineral acreage, as platted upon the surface, in each 80-acre drilling unit actually contained within a long wall panel as depicted by said mine plan. Except as otherwise provided herein, a copy of the pertinent portion of the mine plan being utilized to calculate production, revenue and costs from any affected 80-acre drilling unit shall be filed of record with the Board prior to the payment of any revenue based upon such calculations.

The formula or division of interest for production from any 80-acre drilling unit affected by a long wall panel and from any separately owned tract in any such 80-acre unit shall be calculated as follows:

- 7.1 For Short Hole Gas - The amount of production produced from and attributed to each 80-acre drilling unit shall be the ratio (expressed as a percentage) that the amount of mineral acreage, when platted on the surface, which is both in the affected unit and the long wall panel, bears to the total mineral acreage, when platted on the surface, contained within the entire long wall panel affecting such 80-acre drilling unit.
- 7.2 For Unsealed Gas - The amount of production produced from and attributed to each 80-acre drilling unit shall be the ratio (expressed as a percentage) that the amount of mineral acreage, when platted on the surface, which is both in the affected unit and the long wall panel, bears to the total mineral acreage, when platted on the surface, contained within the entire long wall panel affecting such 80-acre drilling unit.
- 7.3 For Gas from Any Well Located in a Long Wall Panel – [subject to evidence and further proceedings pending final rulings]

8. Election and Election Period: In the event any Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto does not reach a voluntary agreement to share in the operation of the well located in the Subject Drilling Unit, at a rate of payment mutually agreed to by said Gas Owner or Claimant and the Operator, then such person named may elect one of the options set forth in Paragraph 9 below and must give written notice of his election of the option selected under Paragraph 9 to the designated Operator at the address shown below within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order. A timely election shall be deemed to have been made if, on or before the last day of said 30-day period, such electing person has delivered his written election to the designated Operator at the address shown below or has duly postmarked and placed its written election in first class United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Operator at the address shown below.

9. Election Options :

9.1 Option 1 – To Participate In The Well Development and Operation of the Drilling Unit: Any Gas Owner or Claimant named in Exhibit B-3 who does not reach a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator may elect to participate in the Well Development and Operation in the Subject Drilling Unit (hereafter "Participating Operator") by agreeing to pay the estimate of such Participating Operator's proportionate part of the actual and reasonable costs of the Well Development contemplated by this Order for Gas produced pursuant to the Oakwood II Field Rules, including a reasonable supervision fee, as more particularly set forth in Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulation 4 VAC 25-160-100 (herein "Completed-for-Production Costs"). Further, a Participating Operator agrees to pay the estimate of such Participating Operator's proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Cost as set forth below to the Operator within forty-five (45) days from the later of the date of mailing or the date of recording of this Order. The Completed-for-Production Cost for the Subject Drilling Unit is as follows:

Completed-for-Production Cost: 18 East Panel Estimate of the Allowable Cost = \$1,219,761.97 (DEC) and \$272,958.95 (Other); 19 East Panel Estimate of the Allowable Cost = \$1,474,610.41 (DEC) \$432,032.06 (Other). Estimated Well Costs = \$715,677.00.

Any gas owner and/or claimants named in Exhibit B-3, who elect this option (Option 1) understand and agree that their initial payment under this option is for their proportionate share of the Applicant's estimate of actual costs and expenses. It is also understood by all persons electing this option that they are agreeing to pay their proportionate share of the actual costs and expenses as determined by the Operator named in this Board Order.

A Participating Operator's proportionate cost hereunder shall be the result obtained by multiplying the Participating Operators' "Interest in Unit" times the Completed-for-Production Cost set forth above. Provided, however, that in the event a Participating Operator elects to participate and fails or refuses to pay the estimate of his proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Cost as set forth above, all within the time set forth herein and in the manner prescribed in Paragraph 8 of this Order, then such Participating Operator shall be deemed to have elected not to participate and to have elected compensation in lieu of participation pursuant to Paragraph 9.2 herein.

9.2 Option 2 – To Receive A Cash Bonus Consideration: In lieu of participating in the Well Development and Operation in Subject Drilling Unit under Paragraph 9.1 above, any Gas Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto who does not reach a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator may elect to accept a cash bonus consideration of **\$10.00** per net mineral acre owned by such person, commencing upon entry of this Order and continuing annually until commencement of production from Subject Drilling Unit, and thereafter a royalty of 1/8th of 8/8ths [twelve and one-half percent (12.5%)] of the net proceeds received by the Unit Operator for the sale of the Coalbed Methane Gas produced from any Well Development and Operation covered by this Order multiplied by that person's Interest in Unit or proportional share of said production [for purposes of this Order, net proceeds shall be actual proceeds received less post-production costs incurred downstream of the wellhead, including, but not limited to, gathering, compression, treating, transportation and marketing costs, whether performed by Unit Operator or a third person) as fair, reasonable and equitable compensation to be paid to said Gas Owner or Claimant. The initial cash bonus shall become due and owing when so elected and shall be tendered, paid or escrowed within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order. Thereafter, annual cash bonuses, if any, shall become due and owing on each anniversary of the date of recording of this order in the event production

from Subject Drilling Unit has not theretofore commenced, and once due, shall be tendered, paid or escrowed within sixty (60) days of said anniversary date. Once the initial cash bonus and the annual cash bonuses, if any, are so paid or escrowed, subject to a final legal determination of ownership, said payment(s) shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such electing person in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Lands, except, however, for the 1/8th royalties due hereunder.

Subject to a final legal determination of ownership, the election made under this Paragraph 9.2, when so made, shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such electing person in any Well Development and Operation covered hereby and such electing person shall be deemed to and hereby does lease and assign, its rights, interests, and claims in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant.

- 9.3. Option 3 - To Share In The Well Development And Operation As A Non-Participating Person On A Carried Basis And To Receive Consideration In Lieu of Cash: In lieu of participating in the Well Development and Operation in Subject Drilling Unit under Paragraph 9.1 above and in lieu of receiving a Cash Bonus Consideration under Paragraph 9.2 above, any Gas Owner or Claimant named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto who does not reach a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator may elect to share in the Well Development and Operation of Subject Drilling Unit on a carried basis (as a "Carried Well Operator") so that the proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Cost hereby allocable to such Carried Well Operator's interest is charged against such Carried Well Operator's share of production from Subject Drilling Unit. Such Carried Well Operator's rights, interests, and claims in and to the Gas in Subject Drilling Unit shall be deemed and hereby are assigned to the Applicant until the proceeds from the sale of such Carried Well Operator's share of production from Subject Drilling Unit (exclusive of any royalty, excess or overriding royalty, or other non-operating or non-cost bearing burden reserved in any lease, assignment thereof or agreement relating thereto covering such interest) equals three hundred percent (300%) for a leased interest or two hundred percent (200%) for an unleased interest (whichever is applicable) of such Carried Well Operator's share of the Completed-for- Production Cost allocable to the interest of such Carried Well Operator. When the Applicant recoups and recovers from such Carried Well Operator's assigned interest the amounts provided for above, then, the assigned interest of such Carried Well Operator shall automatically revert back to such Carried Well Operator, and from and after such reversion, such Carried Well Operator shall be treated as if it had participated initially under Paragraph 9.1 above; and thereafter, such participating person shall be charged with and shall pay his proportionate part of all further costs of such Well Development and Operation.

Subject to a final legal determination of ownership, the election made under this Paragraph 9.3, when so made, shall be satisfaction in full for the rights, interests, and claims of such electing person in any Well Development and Operation covered hereby and such electing person shall be deemed to have and hereby does assign its rights, interests, and claims in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant for the period of time during which its interest is carried as above provided prior to its reversion back to such electing person.

10. Failure to Properly Elect: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto does not reach a voluntary agreement with the Unit Operator and fails to elect within the time, in the manner and in accordance with the terms of this Order, one of the alternatives set forth in Paragraph 9 above for which his interest qualifies, then such person shall be deemed to have elected not to participate in the proposed Well Development and Operation in Subject Drilling Unit and shall be deemed, subject to a final legal determination of ownership, to have elected to

accept as satisfaction in full for such person's right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas the consideration provided in paragraph 9.2 above for which its interest qualifies and shall be deemed to have leased and/or assigned his right, interests, and claims in and to the Gas produced from Subject Formation in the Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant. Persons who fail to properly elect shall be deemed, subject to a final legal determination of ownership, to have accepted the compensation and terms set forth herein at Paragraph 9.2 in satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such person in and to the Gas produced from the Subject Formation underlying Subject Lands.

11. Default By Participating Person: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** elects to participate under Paragraph 9.1, but fails or refuses to pay, to secure the payment or to make an arrangement with the Operator for the payment of such person's proportionate part of the Completed-for-Production Cost as set forth herein, all within the time and in the manner as prescribed in this Order, then such person shall be deemed to have withdrawn his election to participate and shall be deemed to have elected to accept as satisfaction in full for such person's right, interest, and claims in and to the Gas the consideration provided in Paragraph 9.2 above for which his interest qualifies depending on the excess burdens attached to such interest. Whereupon, any cash bonus consideration due as a result of such deemed election shall be tendered, paid or escrowed by Operator within one hundred twenty (120) days after the last day on which such defaulting person under this Order should have paid his proportionate part of such cost or should have made satisfactory arrangements for the payment thereof. When such cash bonus consideration is paid or escrowed, it shall be satisfaction in full for the right, interests, and claims of such person in and to the Gas underlying Subject Drilling Unit in the Subject Lands covered hereby, except, however, for any royalties which would become due pursuant to Paragraph 9.2 hereof.

12. Assignment of Interest: In the event a person named in **Exhibit B-3** is unable to reach a voluntary agreement to share in the Well Development and Operation contemplated by this Order at a rate of payment agreed to mutually by said Owner or Claimant and the Operator, or fails to make an election under Paragraph 9.1 above, then subject to a final legal determination of ownership, such person shall be deemed to have and shall have assigned unto Applicant such person's right, interests, and claims in and to said well, and other share in production to which such person may be entitled by reason of any election or deemed election hereunder in accordance with the provisions of this Order governing said election.

13. Operator: **Diversified Production LLC** shall be and hereby is designated as Operator authorized to operate the wells on Subject Drilling Unit, all subject to the permit provisions contained in Va. Code §§ 45.2-1629 et seq., §§ 4 VAC 25-150 et seq., Gas and Oil Regulations; §§ 4 VAC 25-160 et seq., Virginia Gas and Oil Board Regulations; the Oakwood Coalbed Gas Field II Order Docket Number VGOB 91-1119-162, all as amended from time to time, and all elections required by this Order shall be communicated to Operator in writing at the address shown below:

Diversified Production LLC
100 Diversified Way
P.O. Box 158
Pikeville, KY 41501

14. Commencement of Operations: Unit Operator shall commence or cause to commence operations for the drilling of the well(s) outside the Subject Drilling Unit but from which production is allocated to the Subject Drilling Unit within Seven Hundred and Thirty (730) days from the date of the Order and shall prosecute same with due diligence. If Unit Operator shall not have so commenced and/or prosecuted, then this Order shall terminate, except for any cash sums then payable hereunder; otherwise, unless sooner terminated by Order of the Board, this Order shall expire at 12:00 P.M. on the date on which all wells covered by the Order and/or all wells from which production is allocated to the Subject Drilling Unit are permanently abandoned and plugged. However, in the event an appeal is taken from this Order,

then the time between the filing of the petition for appeal and the final Order of the Circuit Court shall be excluded in calculating the two-year period referred to herein.

15. Operator's Lien: Unit Operator, in addition to the other rights afforded hereunder, shall have a lien and a right of set off on the Gas estates, rights, and interests owned by any person subject hereto who elects to participate under Paragraph 9.1 in the Subject Drilling Unit to the extent that costs incurred in the drilling or operation on the Subject Drilling Unit are chargeable against such person's interest. Such liens and right of set off shall be separable as to each separate person and shall remain liens until the Unit Operator drilling or operating any well covered hereby has been paid the full amounts due under the terms of this Order.

16. Escrow Provisions: The Applicant represented to the Board that there **are no** unknown or unlocatable claimants in Subject Drilling Unit whose payments are subject to the provisions of Paragraph 16.1 hereof in the Subject Drilling Unit; and, the Unit Operator has represented to the Board that there **are no** conflicting claimants in the Subject Drilling Unit whose payments are subject to the provisions of Paragraph 16.2 hereof. Therefore, by this Order, the Escrow Agent named herein or any successor named by the Board, **is not** required to establish an interest-bearing escrow account for the Subject Drilling Unit (herein "Escrow Account"), and to receive and account to the Board pursuant to its agreement for the escrowed funds hereafter described in Paragraphs 16.1 and 16.2:

**First Bank & Trust Company PO
Box 1008
Abingdon, VA 24212**

- 16.1. Escrow Provisions For Conflicting Claimant's: If any payment of bonus, royalty payment or other payment due and owing under this Order cannot be made because the person entitled thereto cannot be located or is unknown, then such cash bonus, royalty payment, or other payment shall not be commingled with any funds of the Unit Operator and, pursuant to Va. Code§ 45.2-1620.D, said sums shall be deposited by the Unit Operator into the Escrow Account, commencing within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order, and continuing thereafter on a monthly basis with each deposit to be made, by use of a report format approved by the Inspector, by a date which is no later than sixty (60) days after the last day of the month being reported and/or for which funds are being deposited. Such funds shall be held for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of the person entitled thereto until such funds can be paid to such person(s) or until the Escrow Agent relinquishes such funds as required by law or pursuant to Order of the Board in accordance with Va. Code§ 45.2-1620.D.
- 16.2 Escrow Provisions For Conflicting Claimants: If any payment of bonus, royalty payment, proceeds in excess of ongoing operational expenses, or other payment due and owing under this Order cannot be made because the person entitled thereto cannot be made certain due to conflicting claims of ownership and/or a defect or cloud on the title, then such cash bonus, royalty payment, proceeds in excess of ongoing operational expenses, or other payment, together with Participating Operator's Proportionate Costs paid to Unit Operator pursuant to Paragraph 9.1 hereof, if any, (1) shall not be commingled with any funds of the Unit Operator; and (2) shall, pursuant to Va. Code §§ 45.2-1622.B.2, 45.2-1622.B.3 and 45.2-1622.B.4, be deposited by the Operator into the Escrow Account within one hundred twenty (120) days of recording of this Order, and continuing thereafter on a monthly basis with each deposit to be made by a date which is no later than sixty (60) days after the last day of the month being reported and/or for which funds are subject to deposit. Such funds shall be held

for the exclusive use of, and sole benefit of, the person entitled thereto until such funds can be paid to such person(s) or until the Escrow Agent relinquishes such funds as required by law or pursuant to Order of the Board.

17 Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds :

- 17.1 **Diversified Production LLC**, a Virginia limited liability company is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- 17.2 **Diversified Production LLC** has the authority to explore, develop and maintain the properties and assets, now owned or hereafter acquired, consented to serve as Coalbed Methane Gas Unit Operator for Subject Drilling Unit and to faithfully discharge the duties imposed upon it as Unit Operator by statute and regulations;
- 17.3 **Diversified Production LLC** is an operator in the Commonwealth the of Virginia, and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;

- 17.4 **Diversified Production LLC** claims ownership of gas leases, Coalbed Methane Gas leases, and/or coal leases representing **81.714** percent of the oil and gas interest/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas; and, Applicant claims the right to explore for, develop and produce Coalbed Methane Gas from Subject Formations in Subject Drilling Unit in **Buchanan** County, Virginia, which Subject Lands are more particularly described in **Exhibit A**;
- 17.5 The estimated total production from Subject Drilling Unit is **125 to 550 MMCF**. The estimated amount of reserves from the Subject Drilling Unit is **125 to 550 MMCF**;
- 17.6 Set forth in Exhibit B-3, is the name and last known address of each Owner or Claimant identified by the Applicant as having or claiming an interest in the Coalbed Methane Gas in Subject Formation in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands, who has not, in writing, leased to the Applicant or the Unit Operator or agreed to voluntarily re- pool his interests in Subject Drilling Unit for its development. The interests of the Respondents listed in Exhibit B-3 comprise 18.286% percent of the oil and gas interests/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas and 18.286% percent of the coal interests/claims in and to Coalbed Methane Gas in Subject Drilling Unit;
- 17.7 Applicant's evidence established that the fair, reasonable and equitable compensation to be paid to any person in lieu of the right to participate in the Wells are those options provided in Paragraph 9 above;
- 17.8 The relief requested and granted is just and reasonable, is supported by substantial evidence and will afford each person listed and named in **Exhibit B-3** hereto the opportunity to recover or receive, without unnecessary expense, such person's just and fair share of the production from Subject Drilling Unit. The granting of the Application and relief requested therein will ensure to the extent possible the greatest ultimate recovery of Coalbed Methane Gas, prevent or assist in preventing the various types of waste prohibited by statute and protect or assist in protecting the correlative rights of all persons in the subject common sources of supply in the Subject Lands. Therefore, the Board is entering an Order granting the relief herein set forth.

18. Mailing Of Order And Filing Of Affidavit: Applicant or its Attorney shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within sixty (60) days after the date of recording of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of said Order was mailed within seven (7) days from the date of its receipt by Unit Operator to each Respondent named in Exhibit B-3 re-pooled by this Order and whose address is known.

19. Availability of Unit Records: The Director shall provide all persons not subject

to a lease with reasonable access to all records for Subject Drilling Unit which are submitted by the Unit Operator to said Director and/or his Inspector(s).

20. Conclusion: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.

21. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of VA. Code Ann. § 45.2-1609 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court.

22. Effective Date: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.