

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD HEARING  
MINUTES MARCH 18, 2025

Pursuant to Sections 45.2-1609.C and 45.2-1624.B of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Gas and Oil Board held its scheduled monthly hearing commencing at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Those who wish to join the meeting online, please contact the Gas and Oil office at 276-393-5507, prior to the day of the hearing. If you wish to call-in to the meeting, you may do so by dialing 1-434-230-0065, Conference ID: 847072378#.

Board members present were Bill Harris (Public Representative), Gus W. Janson (Public Representative), Mary Gibson (Public Representative), Patrick Owens (Public Representative) and Willart Cochran (Virginia Energy Representative).

Also present were Bradley Boyd (Gas and Oil Manager of Safety and Permitting), Eric M. Lansing (Assistant Attorney General), Jessica Cooper (Assistant Attorney General), Lydia Sinemus (Program Administration Manager II), Phil Skorupa (Director, Division of Gas and Oil) and Sarah Gilmer (Division of Gas and Oil).

1. The Board reviewed/approved the remote attendance resolution(s) for any board member (s) that planned to attend the meeting remotely.

There were no remote resolutions to approve. The Board voted to approve the Electronic Meetings Policy. The Board also voted Mr. Bill Harris as the Vice Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

2. The Board will receive public comments.

There were no public comments.

3. A petition from Keyrock Energy LLC, for modification of pooling order M-26-1, Docket No. VGOB 24-0220-4280, Paragraph 9.2. Unit: Keyrock M-26-1. Docket Number VGOB 24-0220-4280-01. Continued from January 2025.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

4. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC, for 1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 3 & 4, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to pay escrowed royalty directly to the parties to the royalty split between James M. McGuire Land Trust and Pocahontas Gas LLC; and authorization to pay escrowed royalty directly to Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Sherry R. McDonald, Aristotle McDonald, Abraham McDonald, Greg B. McDonald, Byrd W. McDonald, By'shey McDonald, and Empire Management, LLC; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner(s): James M. McGuire Land Trust (inactive unit currently paying under BUC1SGU4, VGOB 13-1217-4029). Unit Q41. Docket Number VGOB 93-0216-0327-06.

The docket item was approved. The account will close.

5. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC for 1) the disbursement of escrowed funds heretofore deposited with the Board's Escrow Agent, attributable to Tracts 2B & 2C, as depicted upon the annexed table; and (2) authorization to pay escrowed royalty directly to the parties to the royalty split between James M. McGuire Land Trust and Pocahontas Gas LLC; and authorization to pay escrowed royalty directly to Norfolk Southern Railway Company, Sherry R. McDonald, Aristotle McDonald, Abraham McDonald, Greg B. McDonald, Byrd W. McDonald, By'shey McDonald, and Empire Management, LLC; (3) Dismissal of Coal Owner(s): James M. McGuire Land Trust. Unit P41. Docket Number VGOB 93-0216-0329-06.

The docket item was approved. The account will close.

6. A petition from Pocahontas Gas LLC for re-pooling under Oakwood II. Unit CC34. Docket Number VGOB 20-1020-4231-01.

The docket item was approved. No escrowing required.

7. The Board will receive an update of Board and Division activities from the staff.

Jessica Cooper, Assistant Attorney General explained to the Board that as per Virginia Code, the unknown/unlocatable royalty payments will be held for 5 years by the operator, before they are able to be sent to the Virginia Department of Treasury. Mr. Skorupa notified the board that there will be an April meeting.

8. The Board reviewed the February 2025 minutes for approval.

The docket item was approved.

The hearing adjourned at 11:07 a.m.