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BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA

PURSUANT TO A DECISION RENDERED DURING A
REGULAR SESSION OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS
BOARD OF ALABAMA ON JUNE 23, 1995, THE
FOLLOWING ORDER IS HEREBY PROMULGATED:

IN RE: ORDER NO. 95-151

DOCKET NO. 6-21-959A

This cause came on for hearing before the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama on the petition of TAURUS EXPLORATION, INC., an Alabama corporation, requesting the State Oil and Gas Board to enter an order extending the temporarily abandoned status for certain coal degasification wells located in Tuscaloosa, Jefferson and Hale Counties, Alabama. The State Oil and Gas Board finds that due and proper notice of the hearing of said cause has been given in the manner and form and for the time required by law and the rules and regulations of this Board, and that the Board has full jurisdiction of this cause, and the Board being fully advised in the premises finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I.

That Petitioner is the Operator of the following wells in Tuscaloosa, Jefferson and Hale Counties, Alabama:

Cedar Cove Coal Degasification Field

<u>PERMIT NO.</u>	<u>WELL NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7918-C	Stone-Taurus-90-22-09-25-12-2007	S25, T22S, R9W
8200-C	Klinner-Taurus-90-22-08-30-12-2011	S30, T22S, R8W
8201-C	Wilkins-Taurus-90-22-08-30-10-2015	S30, T22S, R8W
8895-C	GSPC-Taurus-90-22-07-06-09-1215	S6, T22S, R7W
8978-C	Beams-Williams 5-16-432-3550	S5, T24N, R7E
9060-C	Davis 4-6-422-3501	S4, T24N, R7E
9061-C	Hutchins 8-2-433-3555	S8, T24N, R7E
9062-C	Mathews 8-14-439-3598	S8, T24N, R7E
9063-C	Hutchins 9-4-440-3553	S9, T24N, R7E
9099-C	West 7-16-420-3596	S7, T24N, R7E
9100-C	Palmer 4-14-424-3552	S4, T24N, R7E
9101-C	Pearson 17-4-441-3599	S17, T24N, R7E
9118-C	Hutchins 8-4-434-3557	S8, T24N, R7E
9203-C	Green 5-12-430-3547	S5, T24N, R7E
9204-C	Davis 5-14-431-3548	S5, T24N, R7E
9240-C	Williams 4-4-421-3502	S4, T24N, R7E
9241-C	Williams 5-10-429-3549	S5, T24N, R7E
9242-C	Hutchins 8-6-435-3556	S8, T24N, R7E
9243-C	Mathews 8-12-438-3597	S8, T24N, R7E
9259-C	Mathews 7-10-418-3595	S7, T24N, R7E
9295-C	Palmer 4-11-423-3551	S4, T24N, R7E
9296-C	Hutchins 8-8-436-3554	S8, T24N, R7E

Oak Grove Coal Degasification Field

<u>PERMIT NO.</u>	<u>WELL NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
5245-C	Jones 8737-06-14-424	S6, T19S, R6W
5613-C	U.S. Steel 8828-16-12-514	S16, T19S, R6W
5614-C	U.S. Steel 8829-16-14-532	S16, T19S, R6W

Moundville Coal Degasification Field

<u>PERMIT NO.</u>	<u>WELL NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
6874-C	Wesley West 15-5-1-4220	S15, T23N, R5E
6876-C	Wesley West 15-15-1-4298	S15, T23N, R5E
6877-C	Sharp 8-10-1-4203	S8, T23N, R5E
7047-C	Sharp 8-7-2-4177	S8, T23N, R5E
7121-C	Wesley West 15-7-1-A-4218	S15, T23N, R5E
7201-C	Wesley West 11-13-1-4214	S11, T23N, R5E
7257-C	Davis-Sharp 8-4-24-4179	S8, T23N, R5E
7264-C	Rodgers 17-9-33-4294	S17, T23N, R5E
7271-C	Harris-Sharp 8-16-25-4204	S8, T23N, R5E
7272-C	Moss 10-7-26-4171	S10, T23N, R5E
7273-C	Moss 10-9-27-4213	S10, T23N, R5E
7275-C	Rodgers 17-3-30-4227	S17, T23N, R5E
7276-C	Rodgers-Davis 17-11-34-4292	S17, T23N, R5E
7295-C	Rodgers 17-7-32-4226	S17, T23N, R5E
7316-C	Rodgers 17-5-31-4228	S17, T23N, R5E
7415-C	Harris 17-1-29A-4225	S17, T23N, R5E
7438-C	Skelton 3-9-64-4157	S3, T23N, R5E
7494-C	Moss-Tidmore 10-15-28-4212	S10, T23N, R5E
7540-C	Tubbs 9-1-73-4173	S9, T23N, R5E
7541-C	Skelton 9-7-74-4174	S9, T23N, R5E
7542-C	Tubbs 10-1-76-4170	S10, T23N, R5E
7543-C	Martin-Tubbs 10-3-77-4172	S10, T23N, R5E
7544-C	Sharp 8-6-79-4178	S8, T23N, R5E
7570-C	Barrett 9-13-78-4205	S9, T23N, R5E
7665-C	Tubbs 9-16-75-4208	S9, T23N, R5E
7835-C	Taylor 21-9-85-4337	S21, T23N, R4E
7836-C	West 21-7-86-4313	S21, T23N, R4E
7895-C	King 16-8-84-4221	S16, T23N, R5E
7942-C	Mitchell 16-10-104-4297	S16, T23N, R5E
8015-C	Tubbs 9-9-128-4207	S9, T23N, R5E
8016-C	Tubbs 10-12-129-4210	S10, T23N, R5E
8017-C	Rodgers 8-13-133-4201	S8, T23N, R5E
8128-C	Rogers 16-11-134-4296	S16, T23N, R5E
8134-C	Terry 14-4-153-4216	S14, T23N, R5E
8152-C	Barrett 16-5-131-4224	S16, T23N, R5E
8229-C	Davant 9-11-143-4206	S9, T23N, R5E
8231-C	West 15-3-156-4219	S15, T23N, R5E
8260-C	West 11-11-166-4215	S11, T23N, R5E
8281-C	Morrison 17-15-132-4293	S17, T23N, R5E
8316-C	Wilson 16-2-158-4222	S16, T23N, R5E
8321-C	Tubbs 3-15-130-4156	S3, T23N, R5E
8322-C	Davis 17-13-135-4291	S17, T23N, R5E
8323-C	Jones 9-3-142-4175	S9, T23N, R5E
8367-C	Harris 10-11-144-4211	S10, T23N, R5E
8369-C	West 21-15-211-4336	S21, T23N, R4E
8396-C	Barrett 16-4-210-4223	S16, T23N, R5E
8512-C	Rogers 16-12-223-4295	S16, T23N, R5E
8568-C	Chandler 22-5-87-4310	S22, T23N, R4E
8632-C	Barrett 31-8-88-4024	S31, T24N, R5E
8639-C	Taylor 22-13-212-4338	S22, T23N, R4E
8633-C	Davis 12-16-241-4196	S12, T23N, R4E
8644-C	White 2-11-226-4159	S2, T23N, R5E
8645-C	White 2-13-227-4158	S2, T23N, R5E
8646-C	Sharp 8-11-240-4202	S8, T23N, R5E
8715-C	White 1-13-228-4162	S1, T23N, R5E
8725-C	West 15-1-155A-4217	S15, T23N, R5E
8754-C	Daniel 18-15-274-4289	S18, T23N, R5E
8756-C	West 1-9-291-4165	S1, T23N, R5E
8757-C	West 1-11-292-4163	S1, T23N, R5E

<u>PERMIT NO.</u>	<u>WELL NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8759-C	Howell 7-12-333-4197	S7, T23N, R5E
8760-C	Howell 7-14-334-4198	S7, T23N, R5E
8794-C	Daniel 18-9-271-4290	S18, T23N, R5E
8795-C	Tucker 13-2-302-4234	S13, T23N, R4E
8796-C	Chandler 13-4-303-4236	S13, T23N, R4E
8816-C	Daniel 18-7-270-4230	S18, T23N, R5E
8847-C	Wyatt 22-1-251-4308	S22, T23N, R4E
8848-C	Sims 22-7-253-4309	S22, T23N, R4E
8859-C	Tubbs 10-13-357-4209	S10, T23N, R5E
8860-C	Johnson 5-11-361-4151	S5, T23N, R5E
8909-C	Barrett 31-1-383-4023	S31, T24N, R5E
8926-C	Howell 12-14-301-4194	S12, T23N, R4E
8928-C	Burke 15-4-309-4243	S15, T23N, R4E
8929-C	Burke 15-6-310-4242	S15, T23N, R4E
8931-C	Howell 7-2-330-4181	S7, T23N, R5E
8932-C	Howell 7-6-332-4182	S7, T23N, R5E
8933-C	West 21-1-343-4312	S21, T23N, R4E
8935-C	Davant 3-13-347-4155	S3, T23N, R5E
8936-C	Sharp 4-13-354-4153	S4, T23N, R5E
8937-C	Davis-Cheshire 5-13-362-4150	S5, T23N, R5E
8945-C	White 1-12-225-4161	S1, T23N, R5E
8946-C	McClain 19-1-275-4301	S19, T23N, R5E
8950-C	Sharp 4-1-349-4137	S4, T23N, R5E
8989-C	West 1-15-293-4164	S1, T23N, R5E
8990-C	Allen 12-10-299-4195	S12, T23N, R4E
8991-C	Chandler 10-16-338-4190	S10, T23N, R4E
8992-C	Lake 13-6-471-4235	S13, T23N, R4E
9026-C	Owens 23-6-256-4306	S23, T23N, R4E
9027-C	Taylor 17-3-279-4250	S17, T23N, R4E
9028-C	Hartley 15-10-312-4277	S15, T23N, R4E
9029-C	Cheshire 5-5-359-4146	S5, T23N, R5E
9030-C	Cheshire 5-6-360-4145	S5, T23N, R5E
9031-C	Taylor 15-12-379-4275	S15, T23N, R4E
9052-C	Bedsole 23-2-318-4305	S23, T23N, R4E
9074-C	Moss 3-5-336-4136	S3, T23N, R5E
9075-C	Martin 3-11-346-4135	S3, T23N, R5E
9088-C	Bedsole 23-8-257-4304	S23, T23N, R4E
9089-C	Harris 23-10-258-4344	S23, T23N, R4E
9090-C	Harris 23-16-260-4345	S23, T23N, R4E
9092-C	Murray 4-5-358-4142	S4, T23N, R5E
9135-C	Johnson 14-8-247-4237	S14, T23N, R4E
9136-C	Harris 24-6-262-4302	S24, T23N, R4E
9137-C	Harris 24-12-263-4346	S24, T23N, R4E
9138-C	Henry 20-5-277-4300	S20, T23N, R5E
9165-C	Taylor 16-10-472-4273	S16, T23N, R4E
9189-C	Powers 13-8-305-4233	S13, T23N, R4E
9190-C	Chandler 14-4-307-4239	S14, T23N, R4E
9191-C	Chandler 11-13-339-4191	S11, T23N, R4E
9192-C	Davant 3-7-345-4133	S3, T23N, R5E
9232-C	Howell 11-16-298-4192	S11, T23N, R4E
9233-C	Howell 12-12-300-4193	S12, T23N, R4E
9250-C	Taylor 23-14-259-4343	S23, T23N, R4E
9252-C	Chandler 22-4-478-4311	S22, T23N, R4E
9285-C	Hardy 14-7-245-4238	S14, T23N, R4E
9286-C	Hardy 14-11-246-4280	S14, T23N, R4E
9287-C	Davis 7-10-265-4199	S7, T23N, R5E
9288-C	Powers 18-11-272-4288	S18, T23N, R5E
9289-C	Lewis 4-7-351-4139	S4, T23N, R5E
9290-C	Davant 3-3-523-4134	S3, T23N, R5E
9291-C	Lewis 4-6-524-4141	S4, T23N, R5E
9323-C	Johnson-Davis 7-16-266-4200	S7, T23N, R5E
9324-C	Sims 18-2-267-4229	S18, T23N, R5E
9325-C	Powers 18-13-273-4287	S18, T23N, R5E
9343-C	Chandler 13-16-306-4286	S13, T23N, R4E
9383-C	Crawford-Mills 4-11-353-4140	S4, T23N, R5E
9384-C	Nevin-Tubbs 4-15-355-4154	S4, T23N, R5E
9415-C	Weyerhaeuser 15-14-313-4276	S15, T23N, R4E
9416-C	Poole 7-4-331-4183	S7, T23N, R5E
9461-C	Sims 13-10-242-4285	S13, T23N, R4E

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9462-C	Skelton 4-9-352-4138	S4, T23N, R5E
9463-C	Clayton 6-7-529-4148	S6, T23N, R5E
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9535-C	Skelton 7-8-264-4180	S7, T23N, R5E
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9546-C	Holladay-Terry 5-1-356-4143	S5, T23N, R5E
9547-C	Terry 5-9-558-4144	S5, T23N, R5E
9548-C	Terry 5-15-559-4152	S5, T23N, R5E
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9599-C	Johnson 11-1-385-4166	S11, T23N, R5E
9600-C	Johnson 11-7-387-4167	S11, T23N, R5E
9601-C	West 11-6-442-4168	S11, T23N, R5E
9612-C	Harris 24-11-320-4347	S24, T23N, R4E
9630-C	Tucker-Sims 18-4-268-4231	S18, T23N, R5E
9659-C	Tuscaloosa Realty 6-8-530-4147	S6, T23N, R5E
7445-C	Nevin 31-15-50-4028	S31, T24N, R5E
7569-C	Nevin 31-9-48-4027	S31, T24N, R5E
7939-C	Nevin 31-11-49-4026	S31, T24N, R5E
9631-C	Holman 35-7-544-4117	S35, T24N, R5E

Big Sandy Creek Coal Degasification Field

<u>PERMIT NO.</u>	<u>WELL NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8397-C	Standridge 10-2-12-3571	S10, T24N, R6E
8541-C	Russell 3-16-18-3538	S3, T24N, R6E
9147-C	Holman 16-4-468-3620	S16, T24N, R6E
9148-C	Hayes 2-4-479-3513	S2, T24N, R6E
9149-C	Russell 2-12-481-3539	S2, T24N, R6E
9166-C	Barnes 9-10-475-3579	S9, T24N, R6E
9167-C	Phillips 15-14-466-3626	S15, T24N, R6E
9196-C	Rogers 4-16-455-3534	S4, T24N, R6E
9199-C	Davis 4-8-461-3519	S4, T24N, R6E
9200-C	Bush 16-11-469-3622	S16, T24N, R6E
9235-C	Davis-Bush 16-6-467-3619	S16, T24N, R6E
9257-C	Richie 3-14-489-3536	S3, T24N, R6E
9292-C	Poole 2-14-482-3540	S2, T24N, R6E
9293-C	Russell 3-8-486-3515	S3, T24N, R6E
9303-C	Gibbs 4-6-452-3521	S4, T24N, R6E
9304-C	Skelton 3-4-484-3518	S3, T24N, R6E
9305-C	Skelton 3-6-485-3517	S3, T24N, R6E
9306-C	Richie 3-10-487-3537	S3, T24N, R6E
9327-C	Dunn 10-3-517-3572	S10, T24N, R6E
9350-C	Gibbs 4-4-451-3522	S4, T24N, R6E
9353-C	Hays-Mills 3-1-483-3514	S3, T24N, R6E
9354-C	Clay 11-4-491-3569	S11, T24N, R6E
9385-C	Largin 22-8-507-3644	S22, T24N, R6E
9408-C	Gibbs 4-10-453-3533	S4, T24N, R6E
9410-C	Shuttlesworth 10-8-518-3570	S10, T24N, R6E
9412-C	Gulf States Paper 22-6-506-3646	S22, T24N, R6E
9413-C	Gulf States Paper 23-16-515-3652	S23, T24N, R6E
9442-C	Gulf States 4-12-454-3531	S4, T24N, R6E
9453-C	Curry 11-8-493-3566	S11, T24N, R6E
9454-C	Skurka 10-16-520-3584	S10, T24N, R6E
9496-C	Stone 2-3-480-3512	S2, T24N, R6E
9497-C	Clay 11-2-490-3567	S11, T24N, R6E
9516-C	Largin 22-2-504-3645	S22, T24N, R6E
9518-C	Pearson 23-6-512-3642	S23, T24N, R6E
9522-C	Lary 24-13-407-3654	S24, T24N, R6E
9523-C	Moss 24-15-408-3656	S24, T24N, R6E
9524-C	Weyerhaeuser 22-9-508-3651	S22, T24N, R6E
9532-C	Clay 11-6-492-3568	S11, T24N, R6E
9643-C	Mathews 11-16-497-3588	S11, T24N, R6E
9644-C	Skurka 14-4-499-3611	S14, T24N, R6E

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9645-C	Jackson 14-6-500-3610	S14, T24N, R6E
9646-C	Anderson 14-12-503-3629	S14, T24N, R6E
9647-C	Gulf States Paper 22-4-505-3647	S22, T24N, R6E
9648-C	Shuttlesworth 10-10-519-3583	S10, T24N, R6E
9698-C	Skurka 11-12-495-3585	S11, T24N, R6E
9702-C	Gulf States Paper 23-9-514-3653	S23, T24N, R6E.

II.

That the above-described wells have previously been placed in the status of temporarily abandoned wells in accordance with Rule 400-1-3-.06(2) of the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Administrative Code for a period of six (6) months and said six (6) month period expires on June 23, 1995.

III.

Taurus Exploration, Inc. submits that it does not currently plan to plug and abandon the above-described coal degasification wells because they have future utility in that Petitioner may complete some or all of the aforementioned wells and when completed, some or all of the said wells may be capable of producing occluded natural gas or methane from the Pottsville Coal Interval. In the event any or all of the above-described wells are completed as producers, the utility of the well or wells will have been proven.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IV.

That granting this petition will prevent waste and protect the coequal and correlative rights of all owners in the drilling units assigned to the above cited wells.

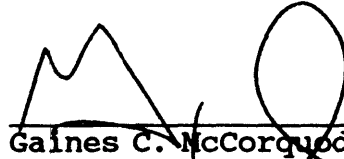
Based on the Findings of Fact set forth hereinabove, IT IS THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama that the Petition be GRANTED. Said Petition is granted approving the classification of "temporarily

abandoned" for the aforementioned coal degasification wells until the next regular State Oil and Gas Board hearing following the expiration of six (6) months from the date of this Board's order in this matter.

ORDERED this 23rd day of June, 1995.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA

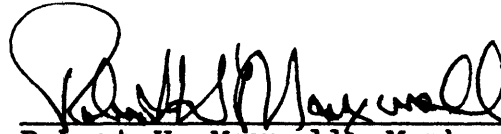
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