

**BEFORE THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA**

**PURSUANT TO A DECISION RENDERED FOLLOWING A  
REGULAR SESSION OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS  
BOARD OF ALABAMA ON NOVEMBER 13, 1998  
THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS HEREBY PROMULGATED:**

IN RE: ORDER NO. 98-145

DOCKET NO. 11-10-989A

THIS CAUSE came on for hearing before the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama on the petition of SONAT EXPLORATION COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, authorized to do and doing business in the State of Alabama, requesting the State Oil and Gas Board to enter an order reforming an 80-acre unit to a 40-acre unit in the White Oak Creek Coal Degasification Field, Tuscaloosa County, 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 Moody 3-8-52 Well, Permit No. 11278-C, located on an 80-acre unit consisting of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 8 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in the White Oak Creek Coal Degasification Field.

**II.**

That in order to drill an additional well and increase the recovery of coalseam gas, Petitioner requests that the above described 80-acre unit be reformed to a 40-acre unit consisting of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 8 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in the White Oak Creek Coal Degasification Field.

**III.**

That the mineral ownership in the existing above-described 80-acre unit for the Moody 3-8-52 is common, and Petitioner seeks approval of the reformation of said unit so as to allow

Petitioner to drill an additional well. Further, the owners of these mineral rights have consented to the reformation of the subject well.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**IV.**

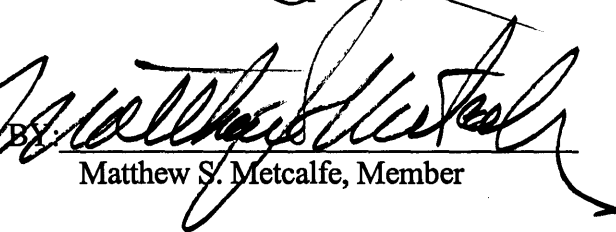
That granting the petition will prevent waste, promote the development of natural resources, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, and protect the coequal and correlative rights of all owners in the proposed unit.

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law 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 reforming the unit for the Moody 3-8-52 Well, Permit No. 11278-C, from the above described 80-acre unit to a 40-acre unit consisting of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 18 South, Range 8 West, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, in the White Oak Creek Coal Degasification Field.

ORDERED this 18th day of December, 1998.


STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD OF ALABAMA

BY:   
Gaines C. McCorquodale, Chairman

BY:   
Matthew S. Metcalfe, Member

BY: Did not vote  
M. Stephen Dampier, Member

ATTEST:

  
Donald F. Oltz, Secretary