

STATE OF ALABAMA }  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY }

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

Comes now William T. Watson, attorney for VENTEX OPERATING CORP., who, after being duly sworn on his oath, states the following:

That on behalf of Ventex Operating Corp., petition bearing Docket No. 5-29-02-2, was filed with the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama and, in accordance with Rule 400-7-1-.11(2) of the rules and regulations of the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Administrative Code, notice of said petition was mailed, by ordinary first class mail, postage paid, to the following named persons at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled hearing of the petition. The persons notified are mineral interest owners in the unit, known to the Petitioner.


The persons receiving said notice are listed on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof. Also attached hereto, labeled Exhibit "B", and made a part of this Affidavit is a true copy of the notice mailed to the aforementioned persons.

Further Affiant saith not.

  
WILLIAM T. WATSON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD	
Exhibit No.	<u>13</u>
Petition By	<u>Ventex Operating Corp.</u>
Case No.	<u>12</u> Date <u>5-31-02</u>
Testimony Of	<u>Wm. T. Watson</u>
Noted By	<u>MR</u>

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 11-02-2005

STATE OIL & GAS BOARD  
OF ALABAMA  
MAY 15 2002  
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EXHIBIT "A"  
TO AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

Re: Ventex Operating Corp.  
Docket No. 5-29-02-2

United States Bureau of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Jackson Field Office  
411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404  
Jackson, MS 39206

EXHIBIT "B"  
TO AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

NOTICE OF MEETING

The State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2002, in the Board Room of the State Oil and Gas Board, Walter B. Jones Hall, University of Alabama Campus, 420 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2002, at 4182 Commanders Drive, Mobile, Alabama, to consider among other items, the following petition(s):

DOCKET NO. 5-29-02-2

Petition by VENTEX OPERATING CORP., a foreign corporation authorized to do and doing business in the State of Alabama, requesting the State Oil and Gas Board to enter an order establishing a new oil field in Covington County, Alabama, to be named the Camp Creek Field, or such other name as the Board deems proper, and to adopt Special Field Rules therefor. The proposed field, as underlain by the 11,150' Cotton Valley Sand Oil Pool, consists of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 15 East, Covington County, Alabama.

The 11,150' Cotton Valley Sand Oil Pool should be defined as that interval of the Cotton Valley Sand Formation productive of hydrocarbons between 11,140 feet (-10,848 subsea) and 11,204 feet (-10,912 subsea) as indicated on the Dual Induction Log of the Federal 16-11 #1 Well, Permit No. 12290, located in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 15 East, Covington County, Alabama. Petitioner is requesting that the discovery well or any subsequent replacement well be located on a production unit containing approximately 160 contiguous acres, and Petitioner is also requesting the establishment of allowables.

The public is further advised that, pursuant to this hearing, the applicable provisions of the Code of Alabama (1975), and the State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama Administrative Code, the Board will enter such Order or Orders as in its judgment may be necessary in accordance with the evidence submitted and accepted.

The public is invited to attend this meeting; however, you may elect to submit your comments in writing regarding a particular item before the Board. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND NOR ARE YOU REQUIRED TO MAKE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ITEM NOTICED OR ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD'S PROCEDURE, CONTACT THE OIL AND GAS SUPERVISOR. PERSONS EXPECTING TO OPPOSE THE ABOVE NOTICED ITEM ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THEIR OPPOSITION WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

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Donald F. Oltz  
Secretary to the Board  
State Oil and Gas Supervisor

The State Oil and Gas Board of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Mr. Jaimes McCorquodale Chairman:

Dear Sir:

The meeting of the Alabama State Oil and gas Board to consider Docket No. 5-29-02-2, A petition by Ventex Operating Corp. was printed in the newspaper on May 15, 2002.

I am Aundre K. Cross of route #7 Box 102, Andalusia, Alabama, phone number 334-427-1648 an interested citizen of the Pleasant Home Community and A landowner in the area.

We the People of this area are wondering why the Federal and State Governments are allowing the Oil and Gas Companies of this Nation to take advantage of the people by allowing them to drill for Oil only on Government land. This way not one of the landowners in this area that is not within the allowable acreage can receive A royalty. Now we know that the Oil is under this land and not just under the Governments land. We are not opposed to drilling for Oil but, we feel that the Oil that is free flowing now from Well # 1 on permit No. 12290 is material that is bedded under all of our land. The first Great care of the elected or appointed officials of the Government is to protect the Public.

I hope this board will take steps to prevent the kind of rape that happened in Texas back when the Oil operatives slanted drilling and A bunch of other illegal operations.

I have talked to Captain R. B. Rutherford; US Navy retired whose land is closest to the Oil well No. 1 on permit No.12290. He as well as the McKathan's are not opposed to Oil drilling but would like to be included in the rewards. The McKathan's land is adjacent to Capt. Rutherford's.

The McKathans and myself are planning to be at the meeting in Mobile and would like to ask, why the Oil drilling companies are only drilling on Government land. What criteria is used to select A drilling site, and why. We would also, like to know how the operating company can transport the oil before the allowable are established. Now what are special field rules that are supposed to be adopted at this meeting? Why are special rules required at this well? Sounds kind of fishy to me.

STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD	
Exhibit No.	14
Petition By	VENTEX OPER. CORP.
Item No.	12
Date	5-31-02
Testimony Of	AUNDRE K. CROSS
Received By	MR STATE OIL & GAS BOARD
	OF ALABAMA

Aundre K. Cross  
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