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BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROMULGATION )  
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIELD RULES )  
TO GOVERN OPERATIONS IN THE )  
SULPHUR CREEK FIELD, RIO BLANCO )  
COUNTY, COLORADO )

CAUSE NO. 527  
DOCKET NO. 1208-SP-93

ORIGINAL

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION OF  
APPROVAL OF APPLICATION WITHOUT A HEARING

WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC ("Applicant"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby requests pursuant to Rule 511.a. of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") for the Director to recommend approval of its June 21, 2012 verified application ("Application") and the supporting exhibits without a hearing.

Applicant requests that the above-captioned matter be approved based upon: (i) the merits of the Application, and (ii) Applicant's sworn written testimony verifying sufficient facts along with exhibits that adequately support the relief requested in the Application. To Applicant's information and belief, no protests were timely filed in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that its request for a recommendation for approval of its Application without a hearing be granted.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN, LLC

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***WPX Energy  
Rocky  
Mountain, LLC***

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**Maxwell Faith – Land Testimony**

Docket No. 1208-SP-93 Cause No. 527

Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M

Williams Fork and Iles Formations

Rio Blanco County, Colorado

October 1, 2012 Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Hearing

My name is Maxwell Faith, and I am currently employed as a Senior Landman – Piceance Basin for WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC (“WPX” or “Applicant”). I graduated from Tulane University in 2002 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. I have over 8 years of experience in oil and gas land and contract work. I have worked directly or in a supervisory role with the properties that are subject of this matter. My resume is attached to this testimony.

WPX filed this application to establish two separate drilling units on the below-described lands, which are currently unspaced. Establishment of the requested drilling units is necessary for WPX’s companion application to pool the interests therein (Cause No. 527; Docket No. 1208-UP-235). The lands are approved for 10-acre bottom-hole well density (and corresponding surface well locations) for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations. COGCC Order 527-9. Accordingly, no geologic or engineering testimony is necessary or is being provided.

In support of WPX’s application, I am submitting two exhibits. The exhibits are attached to my sworn testimony and, along with the verified application herein, form the basis for recommendation of approval of WPX’s request for an order establishing two 40 acre drilling and spacing units for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Williams Fork and Iles Formations underlying the following lands (“Application Lands”):

Township 2 South, Range 98 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M

Section 23: NW¼NW¼ - Drilling and Spacing Unit #1

Section 23: NE¼NW¼ - Drilling and Spacing Unit #2

Exhibit 1: WPX Leasehold Interest.

Exhibit L-1 shows the leasehold interests held by WPX on the Application Lands. WPX holds 50.08% leasehold ownership in the Williams Fork Formation, and 35.86% leasehold ownership in the Iles Formation in Drilling and Spacing Unit #1. WPX holds 43.29% leasehold ownership in

the Williams Fork Formation, and 35.86% leasehold ownership in the Iles Formation in Drilling and Spacing Unit #2 (outlined in green).

Exhibit 2: Mineral Ownership.

Exhibit L-2 shows the nature of the mineral ownership of the Application Lands. All of the mineral estate in the Application Lands is federally owned (shown in yellow).

Based upon examination of relevant documents, and under my direction and control, all of the interested parties included in Exhibit A attached to the Application received proper notice. As of the date of this testimony, WPX has not received any protests or objections to the Application.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

The matters described herein were all conducted under my direction and control. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the matters set forth herein and in the exhibits are true, correct, and accurate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maxwell Faith', is written over a horizontal line.

Maxwell Faith, CPL  
Senior Landman – Piceance Basin  
WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC



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## **EXPERIENCE**

**Williams Production RMT Company/WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC**      **Denver, CO**  
**Senior Landman**      **December 2007 - Present**

Responsible for all land related functions in assigned areas, provide land support to all disciplines of asset team for annual drilling program, including review of drilling title opinions, perform necessary curative; preparation and negotiation of joint operating agreements, farmout agreements, acreage trades/swaps with third parties, negotiation of lease terms and all other typical oil and gas land related agreements. Interaction with internal drilling operations and planning groups as well as interaction with outside third party operators and partners, organize and supervise efforts of outside lease brokers, contract Landmen and title attorneys.

**Strata Oil & Gas Company, LLC**      **Denver, CO**  
**Independent Landman**      **May 2005 - December 2007**

Worked in numerous counties in Colorado, New Mexico, Washington and Wyoming performing cursory and curative title searches. Negotiated and prepared oil and gas leases and surface-use agreements for mineral and surface owners. Performed due diligence for client acquisitions. Prepared abstracts of title from county records for drilling title opinions.

**Fitzsimmons, LLC**      **Gillette, WY**  
**Independent Landman**      **April 2004 - May 2005**

Worked in various counties in Colorado and Wyoming negotiating and preparing oil and gas leases and surface-use agreements for mineral and surface owners. Conducted research to secure title for leases in title companies and in county records.

**E & G Energy**      **Shelby County, TX**  
**Independent Landman**      **February - March 2004**

Worked with lease and right-of-way brokers in Texas, processed title for mineral and property owners with oil and gas landmen.

**Enterprise Leasing**      **Washington, DC**  
**Management Trainee**      **November 2002 - January 2004**

Involved in Management Training program focusing on all aspects of a managerial position. Responsible for daily operation of car rental branch, including contract underwriting, inside sales to customers and outside sales to local businesses, marketing to client accounts, and customer service.

## **EDUCATION**

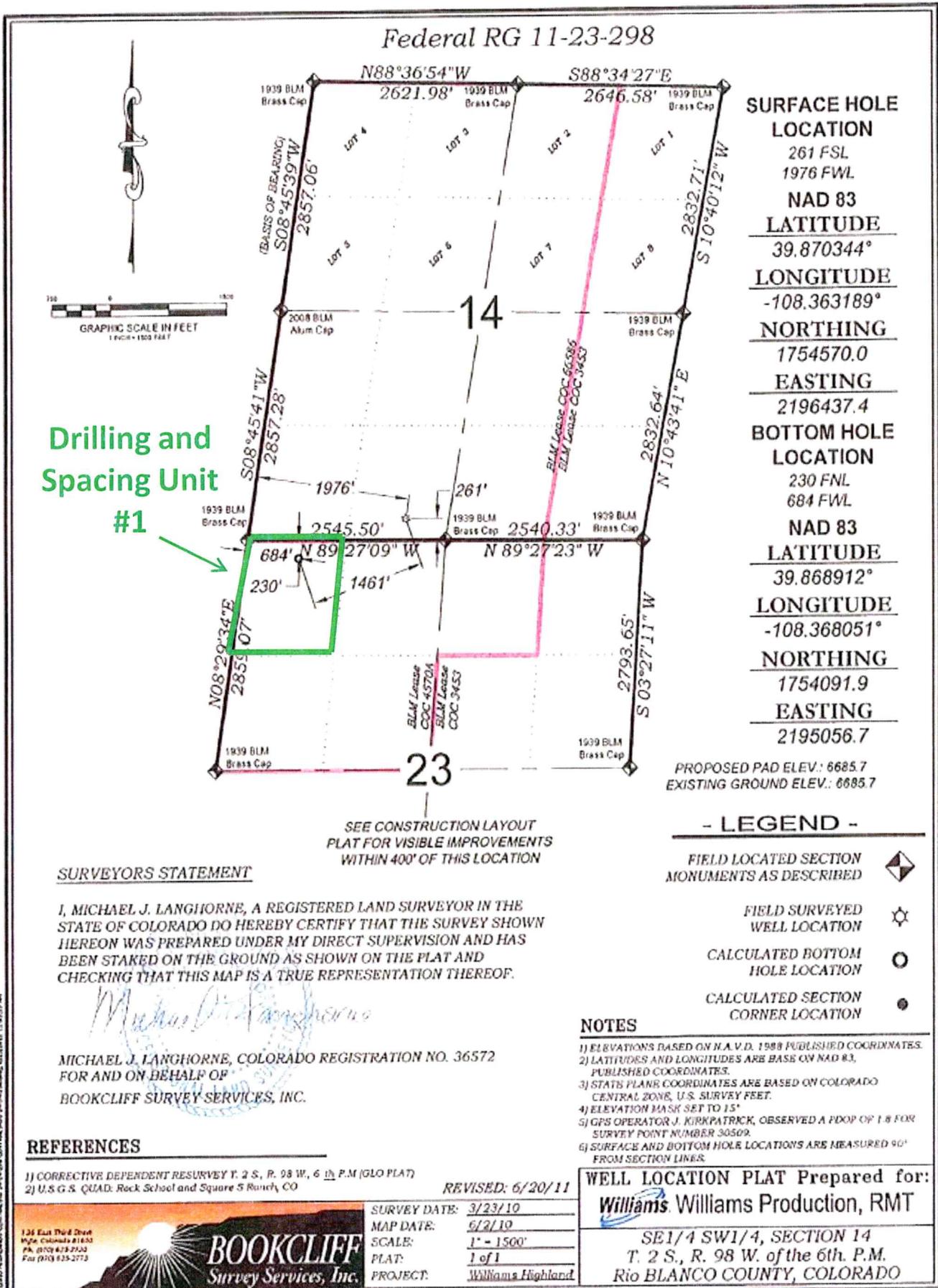
**University of Colorado – Denver**      **Denver, CO**  
**Masters of Science – Global Energy Management**      **June 2010**

**Tulane University**      **New Orleans, LA**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Communications**      **May 2002**  
**Minor in Business**

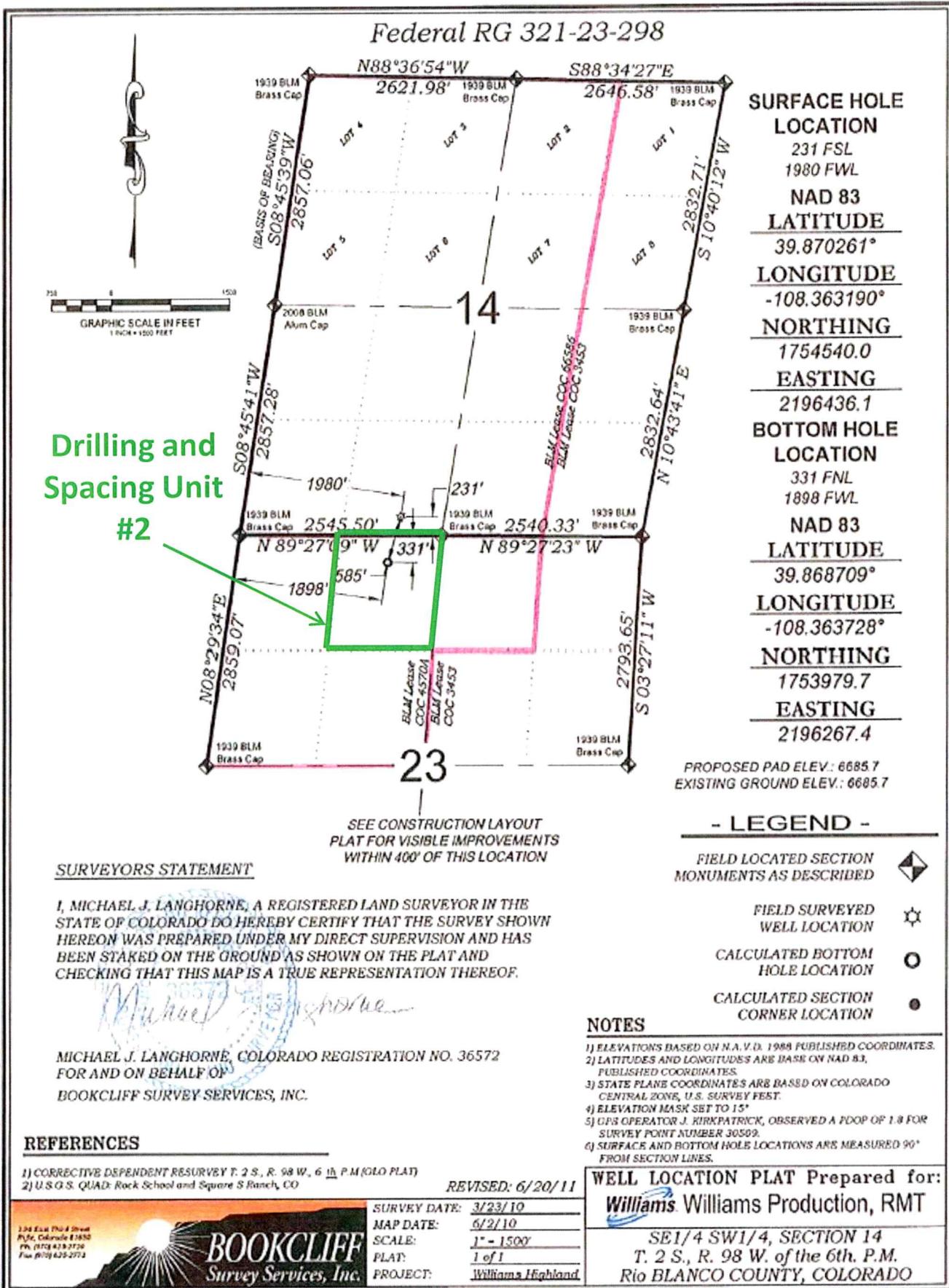
## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**American Association of Professional Landmen – Certified Professional Landman #71276**  
**Denver Association of Petroleum Landmen**

# Exhibit No. 1 – Cause No. 527, Docket No. 1208-SP-93



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<b>SURFACE HOLE LOCATION</b>	231 FSL 1980 FWL
<b>NAD 83 LATITUDE</b>	39.870261°
<b>LONGITUDE</b>	-108.363190°
<b>NORTHING</b>	1754540.0
<b>EASTING</b>	2196436.1
<b>BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION</b>	331 FNL 1898 FWL
<b>NAD 83 LATITUDE</b>	39.868709°
<b>LONGITUDE</b>	-108.363728°
<b>NORTHING</b>	1753979.7
<b>EASTING</b>	2196267.4

PROPOSED PAD ELEV.: 6685.7  
EXISTING GROUND ELEV.: 6685.7

**- LEGEND -**

- FIELD LOCATED SECTION MONUMENTS AS DESCRIBED
- FIELD SURVEYED WELL LOCATION
- CALCULATED BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION
- CALCULATED SECTION CORNER LOCATION

**NOTES**

- 1) ELEVATIONS BASED ON N.A. V.D. 1988 PUBLISHED COORDINATES.
- 2) LATITUDES AND LONGITUDES ARE BASE ON NAD 83, PUBLISHED COORDINATES.
- 3) STATE PLANE COORDINATES ARE BASED ON COLORADO CENTRAL ZONE, U.S. SURVEY FEET.
- 4) ELEVATION MASK SET TO 15"
- 5) GPS OPERATOR J. HIRKPATRICK, OBSERVED A FDOOP OF 1.8 FOR SURVEY POINT NUMBER 30509.
- 6) SURFACE AND BOTTOM HOLE LOCATIONS ARE MEASURED 90° FROM SECTION LINES.

**SURVEYORS STATEMENT**

I, MICHAEL J. LANGHORNE, A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE OF COLORADO DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SURVEY SHOWN HEREON WAS PREPARED UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND HAS BEEN STAKED ON THE GROUND AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT AND CHECKING THAT THIS MAP IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION THEREOF.

*Michael J. Langhorne*

MICHAEL J. LANGHORNE, COLORADO REGISTRATION NO. 36572  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
BOOKCLIFF SURVEY SERVICES, INC.

**REFERENCES**

- 1) CORRECTIVE DEPENDENT RESURVEY T. 2 S., R. 98 W., 6th P.M. (GLO PLAT)
- 2) U.S.G.S. QUAD: Rock School and Square S Ranch, CO

REVISED: 6/20/11

WELL LOCATION PLAT Prepared for:

**Williams. Williams Production, RMT**

SE1/4 SW1/4, SECTION 14  
T. 2 S., R. 98 W. of the 6th. P.M.  
Rio BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

SURVEY DATE:	3/23/10
MAP DATE:	6/2/10
SCALE:	1" = 1500'
PLAT:	1 of 1
PROJECT:	Williams Highland

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**BOOKCLIFF**  
Survey Services, Inc.

1:2500 RESURVEYED CENTRAL AND 24-14-238 CORNER AND 24-14-238 AND 40232111 11-25-2011

Exhibit No. 2 – Cause No. 527, Docket No. 1208-SP-93

