

IN THE MATTER OF:

## RESPONDENTS

**CEASE AND DESIST ORDER**

## RESPONDENTS

1. WESTERN PIPELINE CORPORATION (WESTERN) is a Delaware corporation with a principal business address of 222 Las Colinas Blvd West, Suite 1049, Irving, Texas 75039-5428.
2. ROBERT E. JENT (R. JENT), at all times relevant, acted as the President and Chief Executive Officer of WESTERN with a principal business address of 222 Las Colinas Blvd West, Suite 1049, Irving, Texas 75039-5428.
3. CHRIS JENT (C. JENT), at all times relevant, acted as the Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of WESTERN with a principal business address of 222 Las Colinas Blvd West, Suite 1049, Irving, Texas 75039-5428.
4. MICKEY HORN (HORN), at all times relevant, acted as the Executive Vice President of WESTERN with a principal business address of 222 Las Colinas Blvd West, Suite 1049, Irving, Texas 75039-5428. HORN was previously registered in Alabama as a broker-dealer agent with Texas Securities Partners, Inc. from February 23, 2005 through April 6, 2005.
5. JENNIFER WORTHY (WORTHY), at all times relevant, acted as the Executive Administrative Assistant to HORN with a principal business address of 222 Las Colinas Blvd West, Suite 1049, Irving, Texas 75039-5428.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

6. The Commission received information that in June 2007, C. JENT, representing WESTERN, called an Alabama resident, with whom neither C. JENT nor any other RESPONDENT had a previous business relationship, to offer an investment in a multi-well natural gas development drilling project called WPC #2006-2 Thirty Well Development Joint Venture (Joint Venture). In June 2007, after several subsequent calls by C. JENT to the Alabama resident, WESTERN and C. JENT offered and sold 0.5 units of interest in the Joint Venture to the Alabama resident for the sum of \$89,625.00. The Application Agreement, contained in the execution documents to the Confidential Private Placement Memorandum (PPM), states that WESTERN is the "Managing Joint Venturer." The PPM identified R. JENT as the President and Chief Executive Officer of WESTERN.

7. In July, August and September 2007, the Alabama resident received documents from WORTHY and HORN giving status reports on the Joint Venture. These documents caused the Alabama resident to believe that the Joint Venture was proceeding in the manner represented to him by C. JENT and the offering documents.

8. The PPM describes the investment offered to the Alabama resident as the participation in units of interest in a joint venture to be formed under Texas partnership law to engage primarily in the business of participation in the drilling of ten new wells and the workover of twenty oil and/or gas wells. The investment objectives are stated to be: (1) acquire an interest in the Prospect Wells; (2) participate in operations thereon if appropriate; (3) provide cash distributions to the Venturers and (4) in its initial year(s) of operation provide current tax benefits to Venturers to offset income from any source.

9. A review of the files of the Registration Division of the Alabama Securities Commission was conducted on May 5, 2008 disclosing no record of registration or any perfected exemption for the security, to wit: units of interest in WPC #2006-2 Thirty Well Development Joint Venture.

10. A review of the files of the Registration Division of the Alabama Securities Commission was conducted on April 24, 2008 and May 14, 2008 disclosing no record of registration for R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN or WORTHY as a broker dealer, agent, investment advisor, or investment advisor representative in the state of Alabama.

11. A review of the files of the Registration Division of the Alabama Securities Commission was conducted on April 24, 2008 disclosing no record of registration for WESTERN as a broker dealer in the state of Alabama.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12. The units of interest in WPC #2006-2 Thirty Well Development Joint Venture offered and sold by WESTERN, R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY constitute certificates of interest or participation in an oil, gas or mining title lease or in payments out of production under such title or lease. Alabama's statutory definition of security at Section 8-6-2(10), Code of Alabama 1975, includes any certificate of interest or participation in an oil, gas or mining title or lease or in payments out of production under such title or lease. The investment offered and/or sold by WESTERN, R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY as units of interest in WPC #2006-2 Thirty Well Development Joint Venture is a security under Alabama law.

13. Section 8-6-2(2), Code of Alabama 1975, defines an agent as any individual other than a dealer who represents a dealer or issuer in effecting or attempting to effect sales of securities. R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY acted as agents under the Act.

14. R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY were not registered as broker dealers, agents in the state of Alabama. Pursuant to Section 8-6-3(a), Code of Alabama, 1975, it is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state as a dealer or agent for securities unless such person is registered under the Act. R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY unlawfully effected transactions in securities while not registered under the Act.

15. WESTERN was not registered as a broker dealer in the state of Alabama. Pursuant to Section 8-6-3(a), Code of Alabama, 1975, it is unlawful for a person to transact business in this state as a dealer or agent for securities unless such person is registered under the Act. WESTERN unlawfully acted in the capacity of a broker dealer while not registered under the Act.

16. The securities offered and sold by WESTERN, R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY, to wit: units of interest in WPC #2006-2 Thirty Well Development Joint Venture, were not registered in the state of Alabama. Pursuant to Section 8-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975, it is unlawful to offer or sell any security unless it is registered under the Act, the security is exempt from registration pursuant to Section 8-6-10 or the transaction is exempt under section 8-6-11.

WESTERN, R. JENT, C. JENT, HORN and WORTHY unlawfully offered and sold securities of WESTERN which were neither registered nor subject to any perfected exemption.

This Order is appropriate in the public interest for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes of the Alabama Securities Act.

This Order does not prevent the Commission from seeking such other civil or criminal remedies that may be available to it under the Alabama Securities Act.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that RESPONDENTS immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from further offers or sales of any security into, within or from the state of Alabama

Entered at Montgomery, AL, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.



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BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph P. Borg", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and fluid.

JOSEPH P. BORG  
Director