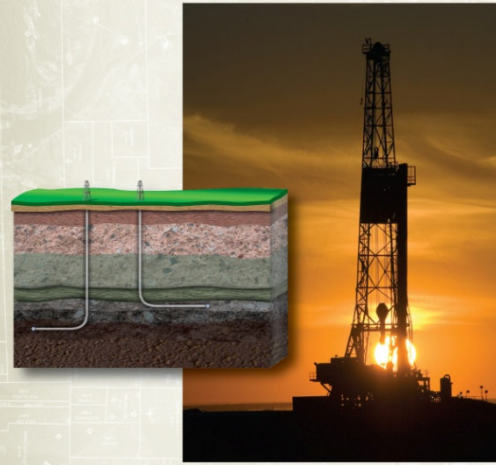




Expensive Schooling in Woodford Play

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Woodford Shale – Anadarko Basin



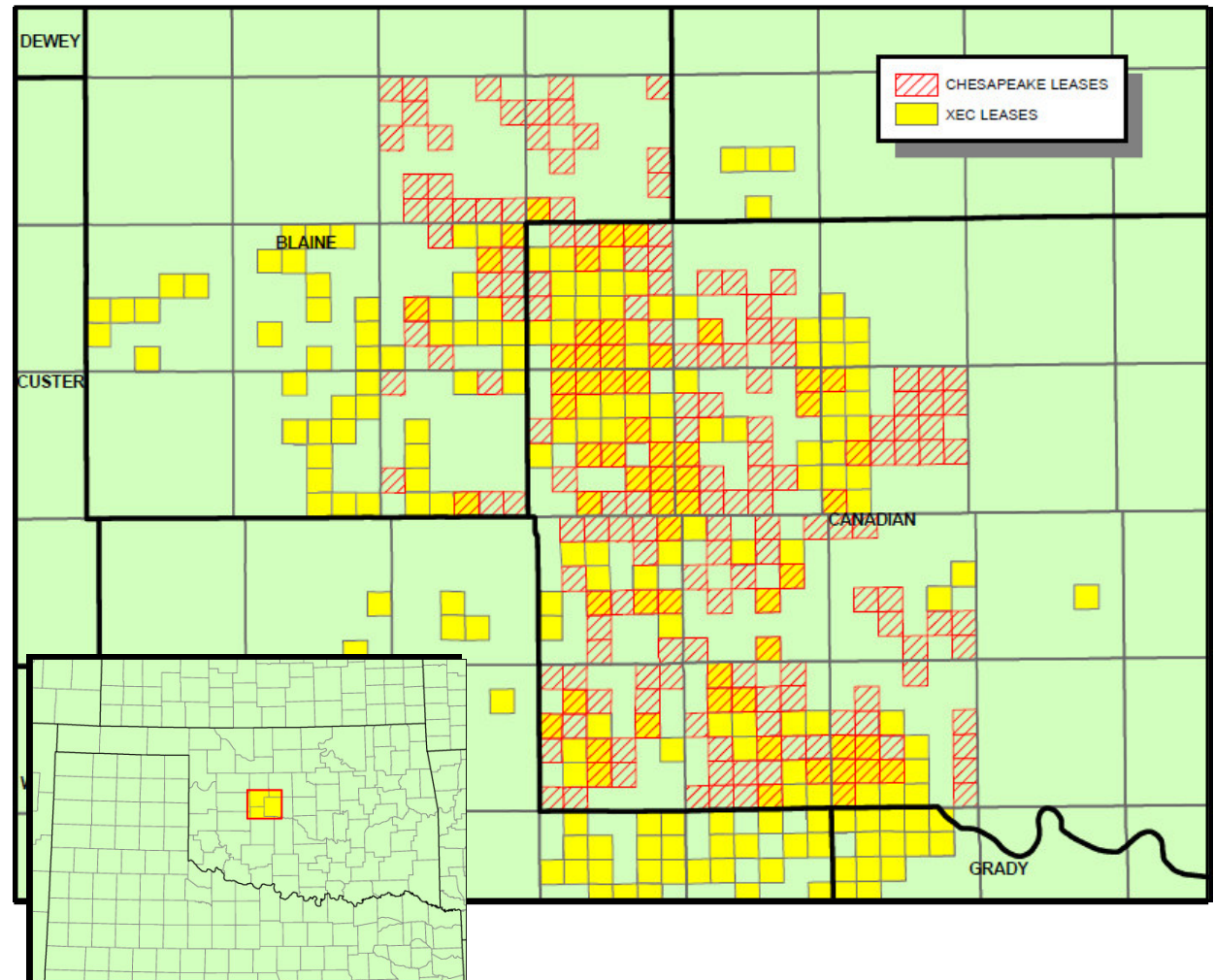
What is past is prologue

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Woodford Shale – Anadarko Basin



- Strong position in core of the play
- CHK land-deal adds 38,000 net acres, 88% HBP with high average NRI ~84%
- XEC position totals over 88,000 acres, nearly 50% HBP with average NRI 75%-85%
- Currently five operated rigs running



Woodford Shale – Anadarko Basin



- **First Cimarex well – Jameson #1-27 spud 5/27/07.
Drilled to 15,138' MD with 2229' long lateral in 53 days**
- **Since then, Cimarex has drilled or partnered in 30 more wells**
- **Latest well forecasted to TD at 17,508' MD with 4540' lateral in 50 days**

Woodford Shale – Anadarko Basin



Parameter	Fort Worth- BARNETT	N. Louisiana- HAYNESVILLE	Arkoma- WOODFORD	Anadarko- WOODFORD
Depth, ft.	6,000-9,000	10,500-13,500	6,000-14,000	10,000-17,000
Thickness, ft.	300-500	200-240	100-220	120-280
Total organic carbon, TOC %	3.5-8%	3-5%	3-10%	3-9%
Porosity, %	4-6%	8-12%	3-6.5%	4-10%
Recovery factor, %	20-50%	30%	35-50%	25-40%
Gas-in-place, Bcf/section	50-200	150-250	40-120	145-195

Source: Deutsche Bank, July 22, 2008 report “Shale to Shining Shale” and XEC Anadarko-Woodford estimates

Woodford Shale – Anadarko Basin



- Significant future drilling
- 4.0 - 5.0 Bcf per well (type-well/avg.)
 - Avg. lateral length ~4,000'
 - 160-acre spacing; 4 wells per section
 - Down-spacing potential to 80s
- Net estimated potential:

1.5 – 2.0 Tcf

- Completed well cost (CWC):

\$7 - \$9 MM

Expect cost improvement moving into full-development



- Completed wells 30 day avg. IP:

Avg. IP rate (13 total wells) 3.4 MMcf/d

Avg. IP rate w/ 4,000' lateral 5.0 MMcf/d

High IP rate 6.5 MMcf/d

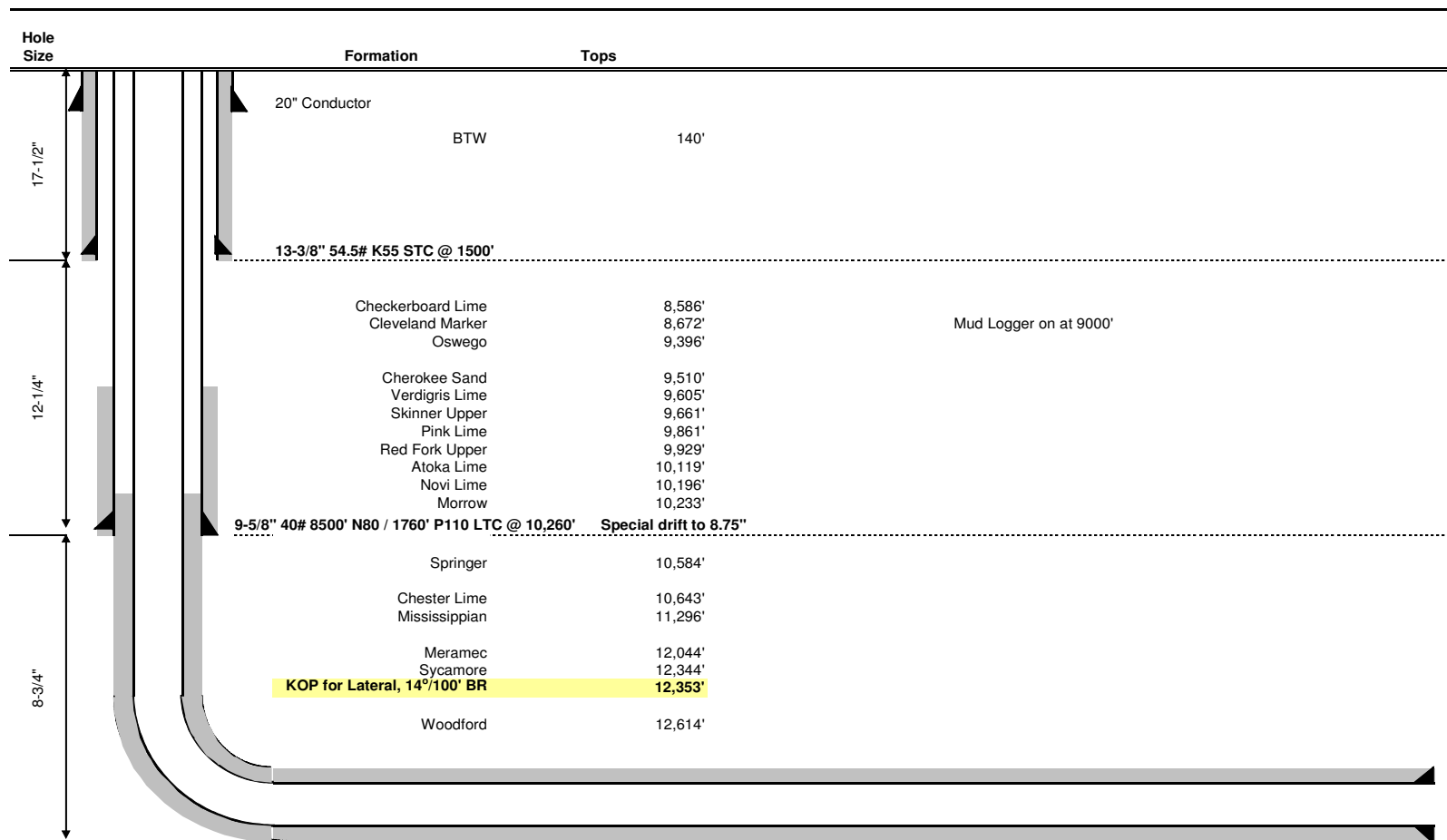
- Recent operated well gross IPs:

Golden 1-3H (72% WI) 8.3 MMcf/d

Guinn 1-10H (46% WI) 7.1 MMcf/d

Dixie 1-4H (72% WI) 5.9 MMcf/d

Well Schematic



Lateral will be drilled with 8-3/4" diameter PDC bit. OBM 13.0 - 14.5 ppg

5-1/2" 23# P110 LTC 0 - 12,300', 5-1/2" 23# P110 BTC 12,300' - 17,690'

Drilling Challenges – Woodford Shale



12-1/4" Intermediate Hole

- **Hole cleaning**
 - Maintain circulation rate above 925 gpm
 - Circulate bottoms up twice before bit trips
- **Bit life**
 - Packed BHA to minimize bit whirl
 - Realized that bit RPM had to be reduced to minimize damage to outer row of cutters
 - Watch drilling parameters, reduce RPM and increase WOB before drilling hard sands
 - Bit vendor has been modeling BHA to determine vibration patterns
- **Improving drilling rate**
 - Packed BHA to increase bit runs and reduce bit trips
 - Run Hhp/ sq. in. above 5
 - Below 8500' to casing point, room for improvement compared to other operators
- **Hole instability**
 - Below 8500' to 9-5/8" casing point
 - Break circulation every 2500' while TIH
 - WL below 10, oil 5-6%
- **Casing Seat**
 - Novi Lime – Fractured, have had 2 cement jobs disappear
 - Morrow Shale – Limited distance from top of shale to Morrow A sand

Drilling Challenges – Woodford Shale



8-3/4" Production Hole

- **Presence of developed Morrow**
 - No good way of mapping yet.
 - Drill out with OBM if no nearby Morrow production
 - If nearby Morrow, drill out with WBM, swap to OBM at KOP
 - One well hit depleted sand, lost over 1500 bbls OBM, had to squeeze
 - Three wells had kicks requiring weight up to 14.5 ppg
- **Curve**
 - Maintain consistent high build rates
- **P-rates**
 - Change mud motor from low speed to normal speed.
 - Increase top drive RPM to have +/- 200 bit RPM.
 - Changed bit design which reduced stick/slip and increased bit life.
 - ROP increased from 25 ft/hr to 53.7 ft/hr on Ward #2-28H.
 - One bit drilled entire lateral (4274') of Herbert #1-14H compared to 2 bits being required on other wells



Canadian County, OK – Woodford Slick Water Frac Job



Completion Design – Woodford Shale



- **First well - 2279' lateral, 5 stages**
 - Varied stage lengths, 3' shot clusters, 6 spf, 60° phasing
 - 80,300 bbls; 250,000# LD-60; 602,000# 40/70
- **Latest design – 4700' lateral, 1-100' toe stage, 13 main stages**
 - 96 shots per stage, 8 2' shot clusters evenly spaced, 6 spf, 60° phasing
 - +/- 210,000 bbls; 1.8 MM# 40/70 prop, 0.1 – 1.0 PPA, 100 BPM. Is it enough or too much?
 - Proppant availability issues
- **Perforating techniques**
 - TCP on stick tubing/CT
 - E-coil
 - Sand jet
 - Pump down

What Does the Future Bring?



- **Downsized casing**
- **Multi-laterals**
- **Pad drilling**
- **Extended length laterals, >10,000'**
 - Completion challenges
 - Coiled Tubing limits
 - Wireline drag



School is still in session



Questions?