### Doc Code: TR.PROV

Document Description: Provisional Cover Sheet (SB16)

PTO/SB/16 (02-18) Approved for use through 11/30/2020. OMB 0651-0032 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

<b>Provisional Application for Patent Cover Sheet</b> This is a request for filing a PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT under 37 CFR 1.53(c)									
Inventor(s)									
Inventor 1				Remove					
Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name		City	State		Country <sub>i</sub>		
Richard		Christie		Sugar Land	тх		US		
Inventor 2 Remove									
Given Name	Middle Name	Family Name		City	State		Country <sub>i</sub>		
Florence		Binet		Sugar Land	ТХ		US		
All Inventors Must Be Listed – Additional Inventor Information blocks may be Add generated within this form by selecting the Add button.									
Title of Invention		Coordinated Pumping Operations							
Attorney Docket Number (if applicable)		IS19.0176-US-PSP							
Correspondence Address									
Direct all correspondence to (select one):									
The address corresponding to Customer Number			⊖ Firm or Individual Name						
Customer Number			27452						

The invention was made by an agency of the United States Government or under a contract with an agency of the United States Government.

• No.

Yes, the invention was made by an agency of the United States Government. The U.S. Government agency name is: Yes, the invention was under a contract with an agency of the United States Government. The name of the U.S. Government agency and Government contract number are:



Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.

### Doc Code: TR.PROV

Г

Document Description: Provisional Cover Sheet (SB16)

PTO/SB/16 (02-18) Approved for use through 11/30/2020. OMB 0651-0032 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

Applicant	asserts small entity	status under 37 CFR	1.27		
O Applicant	certifies micro entity	status under 37 CFR	1.29. Applicant must	attach form PTO/SB/15A c	or B or equivalent.
No					
Warning					
submitting the after publicati application) c public if the a	em to USPTO. Petiti ion of the application r issuance of a pater pplication is reference ation forms PTO-203	oner/applicant is advi (unless a non-public nt. Furthermore, the r ed in a published app	ised that the record of ation request in compl record from an abando plication or an issued p	I information from the docu a patent application is ava iance with 37 CFR 1.213(a oned application may also I patent (see 37 CFR1.14). retained in the application f	ilable to the public ) is made in the oe available to the Checks and credit
Please see 3	7 CFR 1.4(d) for the	form of the signature.	-		
Signature	/Cathy Hewitt/			Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2019-07-24
First Name	Cathy	Last Name	Hewitt	Registration Number (If appropriate)	62001
file (and by the is estimated to	USPTO to process) ar	n application. Confidenti ete, including gathering,	iality is governed by 35 L preparing, and submittin	to obtain or retain a benefit by I.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 a g the completed application	nd 1.14. This collectio orm to the USPTO.

the provisional application.



LARM Find authenticated court documents without watermarks at <u>docketalarm.com</u>.

### **Privacy Act Statement**

**The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)** requires that you be given certain information in connection with your submission of the attached form related to a patent application or paten. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised that : (1) the general authority for the collection of this information is 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2); (2) furnishing of the information solicited is voluntary; and (3) the principal purpose for which the information is used by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is to process and/or examine your submission related to a patent application or patent. If you do not furnish the requested information, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may not be able to process and/or examine your submission, which may result in termination of proceedings or abandonment of the application or expiration of the patent.

The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

- 1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether disclosure of these records is required by the Freedom of Information Act.
- A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.
- 3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
- 4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
- 5. A record related to an International Application filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.
- 6. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, t o a n other federal agency for purposes of National Security review (35 U.S.C. 181) and for review pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 218(c)).
- 7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
- 8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspection or an issued patent.
- 9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

DOCKET

### **Coordinated Pumping Operations**

### **Background of the Disclosure**

**[0001]** A wellbore stimulation job utilizes several well service systems at a wellsite. A stimulation job for a horizontal wellbore may include dividing the wellbore into numerous individual operations or stages. For example, a wellbore stimulation job may be divided into sixty or more individual stimulation operations or stages. The process utilizes individual pumping and wireline operations (*e.g.*, pump-down and perforating operations) between each stimulation stage (*e.g.*, hydraulic fracturing) to isolate the wellbore and perforate a casing. Such pumping and wireline operations are also coordinated with wellhead fluid control valves associated with the wellbore.

**[0002]** The above-described operations and systems utilize different well services that are executed independently, each focusing on different objectives without knowledge or consideration of status of other well services. For example, each well service is conducted by corresponding equipment that is manually coordinated by different companies and/or crews, with little to no automation or communication between the well services. Coordination across these well services may include implementing check lists, manual hands-signals, and voice communication via radios in order to execute each consecutive well service. A completion job becomes even more challenging as multi-well pads are constructed to permit multiple wellbores to be stimulated in parallel with the same suite of well services results in inefficiencies, resulting in just 12-16 hours of active pumping per day.

#### **Summary of the Disclosure**

DOCKE.

**[0003]** This summary is provided to introduce a selection of concepts that are further described below in the detailed description. This summary is not intended to identify indispensable features of the claimed subject matter, nor is it intended for use as an aid in limiting the scope of the claimed subject matter.

**[0004]** The present disclosure introduces an apparatus including a treatment fluid system, a pump-down system, a fluid valve system, and a controller. The treatment fluid system is operable to pump a treatment fluid into a wellbore extending into a subterranean formation from a surface of an oil/gas wellsite. The pump-down system is operable to pump a pump-down fluid into the wellbore to convey a perforating tool within the wellbore. The fluid valve system is operable to selectively fluidly connect and disconnect the treatment fluid

### Attorney Docket No. IS19.0176-US-PSP

system and pump-down system with and from the wellbore. The controller includes a processor and a memory storing a computer program code, and is communicatively connected with the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system. The controller is operable to monitor operational status of the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system. The controller is also operable to control operations of the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system based on the operational status of the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system based on the operational status of the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system.

[0005] The present disclosure also introduces an apparatus including a treatment fluid system, a pump-down system, a fluid valve system, and a controller comprising a processor and a memory storing a computer program code. The treatment fluid system is operable to perform well treatment operations by pumping a treatment fluid into a wellbore extending into a subterranean formation from a surface of an oil and gas wellsite. The pump-down system is operable to perform pump-down operations by pumping a pump-down fluid into the wellbore to convey a perforating tool within the wellbore. The fluid valve system is operable to fluidly connect the treatment fluid system with the wellbore during the well treatment operations and the pump-down system with the wellbore during the pump-down operations. The controller is communicatively connected with the treatment fluid system, the pump-down system, and the fluid valve system. The controller is operable to, after the well treatment fluid is pumped into the wellbore, operate the fluid valve system to fluidly disconnect the treatment fluid system from the wellbore, operate the fluid valve system to fluidly connect the pump-down system with the wellbore, and perform the pump-down operations by operating the pump-down system to pump the pump-down fluid into the wellbore to convey the perforating tool within the wellbore. The controller is also operable to, after the pump-down fluid is pumped into the wellbore and the perforating tool is retrieved from the wellbore, operate the fluid valve system to fluidly disconnect the pump-down system from the wellbore, operate the fluid valve system to fluidly connect the treatment fluid system with the wellbore, and perform the well treatment operations by operating the treatment fluid system to pump the treatment fluid into the wellbore.

**[0006]** The present disclosure also introduces an apparatus including a treatment fluid system, a pump-down system, a fluid valve system, and a controller comprising a processor and a memory storing a computer program code. The treatment fluid system is operable to perform well treatment operations by pumping a treatment fluid into a first wellbore or a second wellbore extending into a subterranean formation from a surface of an oil and gas

2

DOCKE.

## DOCKET A L A R M



# Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

## **Real-Time Litigation Alerts**



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

## **Advanced Docket Research**



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

## **Analytics At Your Fingertips**



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

## API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

### LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

### FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

### E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.