

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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No. 01-1739

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BILLY EARL TRENT,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY; STATE OF VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS AND RECLAMATION;  
SOVEREIGN PETROLEUM ASSOCIATES; EVAN ENERGY  
COMPANY; PENN VIRGINIA RESOURCES CORPORATION,

Defendants - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western  
District of Virginia, at Big Stone Gap. James P. Jones, District  
Judge. (CA-01-5-2)

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Submitted: August 9, 2001

Decided: August 14, 2001

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Before NIEMEYER, MOTZ, and GREGORY, Circuit Judges.

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Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Billy Earl Trent, Appellant Pro Se. Sandra Brooks Riggs, OFFICE OF  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA, Big Stone Gap, Virginia; K. Jeff  
Luethke, WILHOIT & KAISER, Kingsport, Tennessee, for Appellees.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Billy Earl Trent appeals the district court's order dismissing Trent's civil lawsuit arising out of natural gas and oil exploration. We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we affirm on the reasoning of the district court. Trent v. Atlantic Richfield Co., No. CA-01-5-2 (W.D. Va. May 21, 2001). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED