



## FORGE Post Hydraulic Fracturing Wells 16A & 16B April 2024 Circulation Testing

#### Neubrex Fiber Optics Monitoring on 16B Shell UT Cable

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## FORGE April 2024 Circulation Key Findings



Distributed fiber optic sensing was used in the 16B as a monitor well during Hydraulic Fracturing of 16A and 16B and during a limited duration post frac circulation test in 16B.



RFS DSS and DTS measurements were made on the Single Mode Fiber #2 and Multimode fiber in the Shell UT Cable of 16B during all operational phases in April 2024.



Circulation tests were monitored with RFS DSS and DTS interrogators and provided useful information about fluid flow from the 16A injector and across to the 16B producer well. The method relies on thermal changes along fiber.

## **Key Findings**



- Benefit from integrating the cross-well strain change data (RFS DSS) from Hydraulic Fracturing periods with the Strain and Temperature data from 9-hour Circulation period. This work supports integrated understanding.
- Perforation depths that were created during the 16B frac are annotated on the circulation test plots and are examined in detail for evidence of fluid inflow and / or temperature change associated with inflow of geothermally heated water from the 16A well injection perforations.
- In 16B, there is an open hole section below the toe of the casing string and 5 stages with 20 total perforation clusters open during the circulation test. The connectivity of these clusters into the reservoir and potential conductivity with well 16A was unknown at time of circulation.



- <u>16B stage 1 perf cluster depths are associated with hydraulic fractures detected from</u> fracture driven interactions detected on fiber from 16A stages 3R, 4, 5 and 6
  - There is clear evidence of fluid inflow and slugging up the 16B wellbore from this region.
  - A clear region of thermal change is interpreted from hydraulic fracture zones during the circulation period.
- <u>16B stage 2 perf clusters depths are associated with fracture driven interactions from</u> 16A Stage7.
  - The upper heelward 3 clusters of the 5-cluster stage show strong thermal response during circulation period. Some thermal slugging can be seen to originate from all 5 clusters.
- <u>16B stage 3 perf clusters are in the region associated with the 16A stage 8 Fracture</u> Driven Interactions during that hydraulic fracturing stage.
  - The lower toeward (bottom) two clusters in this stage show weak thermal response. The upper 3 clusters in this stage show strong and dominant thermal driven strain change response with both slugging and discrete heat signatures.



- <u>16B stage 4</u> clusters are from the upper part of the 16A Stage 8 Hydraulic Fracture.
  - The fiber responses show strong thermal slugging with both fast and slow slugging velocities up the wellbore of 16B during circulation testing. This set of 16B clusters has a lot of strong evidence of thermal fluid input and travel up the wellbore.
- <u>16B stage 5</u> clusters were only perforated and were not "stimulated" during the 16B frac period. Their position was designed based on 16A to 16B Fracture Driven Interactions.
  - This is different than all the other 16B frac stages.
  - These clusters show the best evidence of thermal slug presence and travel up the 16B well during the circulation test period.

### Key Assessments about Post Frac Circulation Test



- Both RFS DSS strain and DTS temperature signals from 16B fibers are responding to thermally driven fluid in and around the 16B well and fluid entering the 16B at perf locations.
- Evidence shows clear association between the location of hydraulic fractures generated from the 16A frac process, the 16B frac process and the location of inflowing fluid driven temperature change signals.
  - The assumption is made that the RFS DSS signals are not dominated by mechanical strain change behind pipe during circulation
    period. If the fiber response on the SMF#2 and MMF are driven by thermal changes, then these data are evidence of hot fluids
    through the reservoir, into the near wellbore regions, through the perforations and moving up 16B casing to the surface.
- After 16A pumping was stopped there is a cool back period on 16B that also contains important information about which zones produced the most heated fluid, and these discrete signatures are also useful indicators of which fractures are most productive in terms of conductive fractures and inflow allocation.
- Fiber optic RFS DSS and DTS can be further used in combination with DAS data that was also acquired during this
  period in attempts to produce quantitative estimates of relative inflow contribution per clusters from all open
  clusters in the 16B well during the circulation test period.

(The integration of DAS data to support analysis of "relative fluid inflow production and relative allocation" is not yet completed at time of reporting.)



|               | Measured Depth (Referenced to KB = 31.5 ft) |               |               |               |               |                  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|--|
|               | Gun 1                                       | Gun 2         | Gun 3         | Gun 4         | Gun 5         | Frac Plug Top    |  |  |  |
| Frac Plug #1  |   |               |               |               |               | 9,777            |  |  |  |
| Stage 1 (16B) | 9,769 - 9,773                               | 9,756 - 9,760 | 9,745 - 9,749 | 9,690 - 9,694 |               |                  |  |  |  |
| Frac Plug #2  |   |               |               |               |               | 9,600            |  |  |  |
| Stage 2 (16B) | 9,508 - 9,512                               | 9,475 - 9,479 | 9,459 - 9,463 | 9,447 - 9,451 | 9,429 - 9,433 |                  |  |  |  |
| Frac Plug #3  |   |               |               |               |               | 9,415            |  |  |  |
| Stage 3 (16B) | 9,389 - 9,393                               | 9,343 - 9,347 | 9,265 - 9,269 |               |               |                  |  |  |  |
| Frac Plug #4  |   |               |               |               |               | 9,165            |  |  |  |
| Stage 4 (16B) | 9,054 - 9,058                               | 9,026 - 9,030 | 8,995 - 8,999 | 8,958 - 8,962 |               |                  |  |  |  |
| Frac Plug #5  |   |               |               |               |               | <del>8,915</del> |  |  |  |
| Stage 5 (16B) | 8,879 - 8,883                               | 8,870 - 8,874 | 8,834 - 8,838 | 8,774 - 8,778 |               |                  |  |  |  |

20 FDI features were chosen as Perforation Points for 16B Plug and Perf Operations. This is the table of Stage Plug and Perf Settings used in the 16B Hydraulic Frac Operation. UTAH FORGE Wellbore Trajectory Diagram





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## Well 16A Circulation Pumping Rate & Well 16B Discharge Rate

Injection and

**Discharge Rate** 

Well 16B(78)-32 Circulation Test Response







#### Well 16B – DTS temperature change relative to Baseline prior Circulation Period on April 27





#### Well 16B – DTS temperature change – at selected depths over time



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## Well 16B – DTS temperature change depth series - annotated



## Well 16B – DTS T change – selected times over well MD deptherex





UTAH FORGE EVO2 - 16A FRAC, EVO3 - 16B FRAC & CIRCULATION 16B RFS DSS Strain Change Rate





16B RFS DSS Strain Change Rate

16A Frac Hit Depths vs 16B Cluster Depths & Circulation Results

## Planned 16B Frac Pump Schedule Stages 1 – 4

| Step<br>Name | Step<br>Pump<br>Rate<br>(bpm) | Step<br>Fluid<br>Volume<br>(bbl) | Step<br>Fluid<br>Type | Cum<br>Fluid<br>Volume<br>(bbl) | Step<br>Prop<br>Conc<br>(PPA)    | Step<br>Prop<br>Type<br>(US mesh) | Step<br>Prop<br>Volume<br>(lbm) | Cum<br>Prop<br>Volume<br>(lbm) | Step<br>Slurry<br>Volume<br>(bbl) | Step<br>Pump<br>Time<br>(min) | Cum<br>Pump<br>Time<br>(min) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pad          | 60                            | 640                              | Slickwater            | 640                             | 0.00                             |                                   | 0                               | 0                              | 640                               | 10.7                          | 10.7                         |
| 0.5 PPA      | 60                            | 320                              | Slickwater            | 960                             | 0.50                             | 100                               | 6,720                           | 6,720                          | 327                               | 5.5                           | 16.1                         |
| 0.75 PPA     | 60                            | 320                              | Slickwater            | 1,280                           | 0.75                             | 100                               | 10,080                          | 16,800                         | 331                               | 5.5                           | 21.6                         |
| 1.00 PPA     | 60                            | 640                              | Slickwater            | 1,920                           | 1.00                             | 100                               | 26,880                          | 43,680                         | 669                               | 11.2                          | 32.8                         |
| 1.00 PPA     | 60                            | 640                              | Slickwater            | 2,560                           | 1.00                             | 40/70                             | 26,880                          | 70,560                         | 669                               | 11.2                          | 43.9                         |
| 1.25 PPA     | 60                            | 320                              | Slickwater            | 2,880                           | 1.25                             | 40/70                             | 16,800                          | 87,360                         | 338                               | 5.6                           | 49.6                         |
| 1.50 PPA     | 60                            | 320                              | Slickwater            | 3,200                           | 1.50                             | 40/70                             | 20,160                          | 107,520                        | 342                               | 5.1                           | 55.3                         |
| Flush        | 60                            | 350                              | Slickwater            | 3,550                           | 0.00                             |                                   |                                 | 0 107,520                      | 35                                | 0  5.                         | 8 61.                        |
| lickwater    | 3,550 bbl                     |                                  | 149,100 gal           |                                 | 100-mesh sand<br>40/70-mesh sand |                                   | 43,68<br>63,8                   | 43,680 lbm<br>63,840 lbm       |                                   |                               |                              |



#### Well 16B(78)-32: Actual Pumped

| Stage Name | Number of<br>Clusters | Fluid Type | Fluid<br>Volume<br>(bbl) | Pump Rate<br>(bpm) | 100-mesh<br>Prop<br>Volume<br>(lb <sub>m</sub> ) | 40/70-<br>mesh Prop<br>Volume<br>(lb <sub>m</sub> ) | Comments   |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Stage 1    | 4                     | Slickwater | 3,624                    | 60 (Avg = 55)      | 45,600   | 66,840  |  |
| Stage 2    | 5                     | Slickwater | 4,734                    | 60 (Avg = 56)      | 46,770   | 102,000   |  |
| Stage 3    | 3                     | Slickwater | 4,321                    | 60 (Avg = 51)      | 43,322   | 70,163  |  |
| Stage 4    | 4                     | Slickwater | 3,800                    | 60 (Avg = 56)      | 43,217   | 65,317  |  |
| Stage 5 *  | 4                     | Slickwater | N/A                      | N/A                | N/A  | N/A   | Did not pump Stage 5. No able to set frac plug to isolate Stage 4. |

\* Note Stage 5 was perforated but not pumped with fluid or slurry



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Integrated Hydraulic Frac Fiber Optics and Circulation Period Data

- 16A Frac to 16B Strain FDI equals "Frac Log" (Left column)
- 16A Frac to 16B Strain FDI Data "Strain Rate Waterfall Plot"
- Green Arrows and Green Diamonds are the Average Perforation Cluster Depths of each Stage used on 16B Frac
- 16B Circulation Period Strain Waterfall Plot









Field Monitor- RFS DSS Strain Change: Before, During, and After Circulation Testing on 16B Well Fiber behind Pipe



#### RFS DSS Strain Change RATE during circulation test





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Zoom Field Monitor- RFS DSS Strain Change RATE: Before, During, After Circulation Testing on 16B 8600 – 9777 MD







#### Well 16B – RFS strain change rate – with FDI Points





#### Well 16B – RFS strain change rate– with FDI Points ZOOM



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16A Injection Pressure Injection Rate Cumulative Volume

> Summary Waterfall Plot Depth (Y) Time (X) DSS Strain Rate (Color)

Blue = Neg Change Yellow – Red = Positive Strain Change Rate



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Circulation Period – Example of Upgoing Thermal Slugs From a region of 16B (Green Diamonds are Perf Locations) Arrow indicate slugs

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# **Backup Detail on Data Processing**

# **Measurement Units**

The time zone and unit system

## Measurement units

- Imperial (US) units are used in the report
  - Distance foot, ft
  - Temperature Fahrenheit degree, °F
  - Pressure pound per square inch, psi

- $\bullet$  Values of strain reported as micro-strain,  $\mu\varepsilon$ 
  - Unless stated otherwise

## Time zone

- Results reported in this document are in *Coordinated Universal Time* (UTC)
- Local time zone was *Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)* • UTC Offset: UTC –6



# Well Survey Renderings

Based on schematics and deviation survey data provided by Operator



## Monitored well



## Monitored well





# **Depth calibration**

This Section contains depth mapping of the fiber optics on monitored wells.

Depth calibration between fiber optic measurements and well measured depth features is an essential and critical component of fiber optic data processing.

# Depth calibration findings from Neubrex workflow and data

- Final measured depth of the fiber termination = 10,108.46 MD, ft KB
- KB = **31.0 ft MD** 
  - Casing tally report
  - Reference location: GL

#### • Depth Contraction coefficient (SMF 2/MMF 2):

- RFS = 1.0000
- BCF = 1.0000
- DTS = 1.0042

#### • Offset Correction Distances (SMF 2/MMF 2):

- RFS: 648.94 ft
- BCF: 825.57 ft
- DTS: 419.96 ft

## End