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7 ABSTRACT

8 In this paper, a novel mathematical model is proposed to analyze the flow behaviors of 9 superheated multi-component thermal fluid (SMTF) in the perforated horizontal wellbores 10 (PHWs). Firstly, a flow model comprised of mass, energy and momentum equations is established. 11 Secondly, the proposed model is solved by finite difference method and iteration technique. 12 Thirdly, the model is compared against previously published models and field data. Lastly, 13 sensitivity analysis is conducted based upon the validated model. The results show that: (1). The predicted results from the novel model are in good agreement with field data. (2). The values of 14 15 superheat degree along the PHWs decreases with increasing content of non-condensing gases. (3). Both the SMTF temperature and superheat degree increase with increasing of injection rate. (4). 16 The SMTF temperature and superheat degree increase with increasing of injection temperature. 17 This paper unravels some intrinsic flow characteristics of SMTF in PHWs, which has a 18

significant impact on the optimization of SMTF injection parameters and analysis of heat transferlaws in PHWs.

21 Keywords:

Wellbore modeling; perforated horizontal wellbore; superheated steam; non-condensing gases;sensitivity analysis

24 **1. Introduction**

In order to obtain a satisfactory oil recovery ratio, oil companies are constantly testing their new technologies, some of which have been proved to be very successful. Non-condensing gases assisted superheated steam injection for enhancing heavy oil recovery is exactly one of these new

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