

February 25, 2002

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 03-0221761

ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST CHRISTENSEN & MATTHEWS FOR VIOLATIONS OF STATEWIDE RULES ON THE SCANLAN -B- (04135) LEASE, WELL NO. 1, THOMPSON, NORTH FIELD, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS.

APPEARANCES:

FOR MOVANT:

Barbara Epstein, Staff Attorney
Joe Mayorga, Engineer
Guy Grossman, Director, District 3

MOVANT:

Railroad Commission of Texas
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FOR RESPONDENT:

Steve Christensen, Engineer
Mary Sue Christensen Key

RESPONDENT:

Christensen & Matthews
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PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

DATE OF REQUEST FOR ACTION:	March 17, 1999
DATE CASE HEARD:	November 15, 2001
RECORD CLOSED:	November 15, 2001
PFD PREPARED BY:	Mark Helmueller, Hearings Examiner Thomas Richter, Technical Examiner
PFD CIRCULATION DATE:	February 25, 2002
CURRENT STATUS:	Protested

ap[redacted] at 2:11:56 PM on 03/22/2017. [redacted] 4) [redacted] at 2:17:38 PM on 03/22/2017. [redacted]

Commission records indicate the presence of Goddard's well in the [redacted] area.

DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE

STATEMENT OF THE

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Time sheets from TETRAPI field was located in the area of the well. The time sheets are for the period of 1/1/03 to 12/31/03.

~~Statewide Rule 14 sets forth the general rules of procedure for the hearing of applications for permits to drill, lease, or operate an oil or gas well in this state, including the manner in which the hearing shall be conducted. The hearing shall be held in the county in which the well is to be drilled, leased, or operated. The hearing shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by the commission, and shall be open to the public. The commission shall have the authority to receive evidence and take testimony at the hearing, and to make such findings of fact and conclusions of law as it may deem proper and just. The commission shall have the authority to grant or deny the application, and to attach such conditions to any permit as it may deem proper and just. The commission shall have the authority to modify, suspend, or revoke any permit issued by it, and to take such action as it may deem proper and just in the interest of the public health, safety, or convenience.~~

EXAMINERS' OPINION

It is also uncontroverted that fishing operations

company from the examiners in March 1997 are included as operating and safety records show that failure had occurred. Christensen's records show that faced by Steven Christensen. This well has been held

Christensen's potential risks as the wellbore as the were reduced, the superior quality of the superior fluid of pressured up and laden fluid work pressure in any between the superior hydrocarbons proposed by Christensen's superior quality. The primary issue in

its request for a method proposed as a request for While this case is styled as a request for well last production scheme Christensen driven. It is uncontroverted that Commission.

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Findings of Fa
Based on the record in

FINDINGS OF FACT

(Organization Report)
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Respondent, Christens

The most recent Con
Mathews was filed M
Mary Sue Christensen
also identify Ms. Key

Respondent obtained a
Bend County, Texas in
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Lease), effective Marc

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Commission records in
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August 2001.
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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The subject well is no
Statewide Rule 14, or

RECOMMENDATION

The examiners recom
attached order
immediately fo
(04135) Lease,
rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Richter
Technical Examiner

Mark Helmuelle
Hearings Examiner