

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
HEARINGS SECTION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 03-0244983

**ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST NUECES PETROLEUM CORPORATION (OPERATOR NO. 616055)
FOR VIOLATIONS OF STATEWIDE RULES ON THE A. MERCHANT EST. (09449) LEASE, WELL NOS.
1 AND 2, HULL FIELD, LIBERTY COUNTY, TEXAS**

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after statutory notice the captioned enforcement proceeding was heard by an examiner and there has been circulated a Proposal for Decision containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, those Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are hereby adopted and made a part hereof by reference.

It is accordingly **ORDERED** that:

1. Within 30 days of the date on which this order becomes administratively final, Nueces Petroleum Corporation shall plug or otherwise place into compliance with Commission rules, the A. Merchant Est. (09449) Lease, Well Nos. 1 and 2, Hull Field, Liberty County, Texas; and
2. Nueces Petroleum Corporation is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of **FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,500.00)**.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 20 days after a party is notified of the Commission's order. A party is presumed to have been notified of the Commission's order three days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely motion for rehearing is filed by any party of interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law, is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the parties are notified of the order.

Each exception to the examiner's proposal for decision not expressly granted herein is overruled. All requested findings of fact and conclusions of law which are not expressly adopted herein are denied. All pending motions and requests for relief not previously granted or granted herein are denied.

Noncompliance with the provisions of this order is subject to enforcement by the Attorney General and subject to civil penalties of up to \$10,000.00 per day per violation.

Done this 12th day of September, 2006, in Austin, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

CHAIRMAN ELIZABETH A. JONES

COMMISSIONER MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS

COMMISSIONER VICTOR G. CARRILLO

ATTEST:

SECRETARY