

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
OIL AND GAS SECTION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 09-0233189

ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ROBERT E. RANKIN, D.B.A. KINTEX PETROLEUM COMPANY (OPERATOR NO. 467779) FOR VIOLATIONS OF STATEWIDE RULES ON THE E. L. HORTON (18125) LEASE, WELL NOS. B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B7, AND B8, J.R.K. (TANNEHILL) FIELD, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ON THE W. L. ORSAK (17552) LEASE, WELL NOS. 1 AND 3, NW GOREE (TANNEHILL) FIELD, KNOX COUNTY, TEXAS

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after statutory notice the captioned enforcement proceeding was heard by the examiner on March 20, 2003. The examiner has 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, within 30 days from the day immediately following the date this order becomes final:

1. Robert E. Rankin, d.b.a. Kintex Petroleum Company, shall plug or place in compliance with Commission rules Well Nos. B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B7, and B8 on the E. L. Horton (18125) Lease, in accordance with Statewide Rule 14 [Tex. R.R. Comm'n, 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.14] and Chapter 89 of the Texas Natural Resources Code,
2. Robert E. Rankin, d.b.a. Kintex Petroleum Company, shall plug Well Nos. 1 and 3, on the W.L. Orsak (17552) Lease, in accordance with Statewide Rule 14 [Tex. R.R. Comm'n, 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.14] and Chapter 89 of the Texas Natural Resources Code,
3. Robert E. Rankin, d.b.a. Kintex Petroleum Company, shall place the E. L. Horton (18125) Lease and the W. L. Orsak (17552) Lease in compliance with all applicable Commission rules, and
4. Robert E. Rankin, d.b.a. Kintex Petroleum Company, shall remit to the Railroad Commission of Texas, for disposition as provided by law, an administrative penalty in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$20,250.00).

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 3 days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely

motion for rehearing is filed by any party at interest within such 20-day period after the party's presumed notice, this order shall not become final until such motion is overruled, or if rehearing 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 order is served on the parties.

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 __ day of June, 2003, in Austin, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

CHAIRMAN MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS

COMMISSIONER CHARLES R. MATTHEWS

COMMISSIONER VICTOR G. CARRILLO

ATTEST:

SECRETARY