

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
HEARINGS SECTION**

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 06-0252140

**IN THE MINDEN (COTTON VALLEY
CONS.) FIELD, RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO E&P COMPANY
FOR A RULE 10 EXCEPTION FOR ITS VIPER 4 LEASE WELL NO. 1,
MINDEN (COTTON VALLEY CONS.) AND
MINDEN (COTTON VALLEY LIME) FIELDS
RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on June 25, 2007, the presiding examiner has made and filed a report and recommendation containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, for which service was not required; that the proposed application is in compliance with all statutory requirements; and that this proceeding was duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas.

The Commission, after review and due consideration of the examiner's report and recommendation, the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and incorporates said findings of fact and conclusions of law as if fully set out and separately stated herein.

THEREFORE it is **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the application of El Paso E&P Company for exception to Statewide Rule 10 for its Viper 4 Lease Well No. 1 in the Minden (Cotton Valley Cons.) and Minden (Cotton Valley Lime) Fields, Rusk County, Texas, be and it is hereby approved. Such commingled production as is produced from the Viper 4 Lease Well No. 1 shall be assigned to the Minden (Cotton Valley Cons.) Field for proration purposes.

Further, acreage assigned to the Viper 4 Lease Well No. 1 for allocation of allowable shall not be assigned to any other well or wells projected to or completed in the Minden (Cotton Valley Cons.) and Minden (Cotton Valley Lime) Fields.

Done this 17th day of July, 2007.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by OGC
unprotested Master Order dated July 17, 2007)**