

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0283612

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF RHYNE, J.V.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding the captioned matter, the Operator failed to request a hearing and pay the hearing fee as required by 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §89.022(f). This matter having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Rhyme, J.V. [Operator #706379] (the "Operator"), is the record operator or one or more inactive wells in the State of Texas and is required to file Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission. Operator's most recent P-5 was due on or before March 1, 2012.
2. After filing its most recent Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission, the Operator was notified they were deficient and had failed to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells) and provided with a written statement of the reasons for the determination and allowed ninety (90) days from the date its P-5 was due to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §§89.021 - 89.030.
3. After the expiration of ninety (90) days and pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE §3.15(g)(4), an authorized Commission employee determined that the Operator's Organization Report still could not be renewed because the Operator continued to fail to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
4. The Commission sent the Operator a letter by certified mail giving notice to the Operator of the determination of continued non-compliance regarding specified inactive wells, attached as Exhibit A to this order, and advising the Operator of the right to request a hearing to show compliance. The letter notified the Operator that the hearing request must be received in docket services no later than 30 days after the date of the letter. The letter also notified the Operator that a final order denying renewal of the Operator's Organization Report (Form P-5) would result in the cancellation of all P-4 Certificates of Compliance and the severance of all pipeline or other carrier connections.

5. All notices and letters from the Commission to the Operator on this matter were addressed and mailed to the Operator's most recently reported address on the Form P-5 Organization Report.
6. The Operator did not timely request a hearing and pay the hearing fee on these issues as required under 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
7. Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) is a Commission rule that relates to safety or the prevention or control of pollution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Operator received proper notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.
2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties in this matter have been performed or have occurred.
3. The Operator is in violation of Commission Statewide Rule 15 and did not timely request a hearing to contest the determination that it was in violation.
4. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report should not be renewed and all of the Operator's P-4 Certificates of Compliance should be cancelled, with all related pipeline or other carrier connections severed. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 (g)(4) and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.022(f), 91.704 - 91.706.
5. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report cannot be renewed until the operator brings the inactive wells shown on the attached Exhibit A into compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.

IT IS ORDERED that renewal of Rhyne, J.V.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

It is further ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Rhyne, J.V. as operator of record are hereby **CANCELLED** and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby **SEVERED**.

It is further ORDERED that Rhyne, J.V. shall bring the wells on Exhibit A into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until the wells on Exhibit A have been brought into compliance as required by this order.

It is further ORDERED that Rhyne, J.V. and each person who held a position of ownership or control in the Operator at the time the Operator's most-recent P-5 Organization Report was filed shall be subject to the terms of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §91.114.

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 at 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.

All requested Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which are not expressly adopted herein are **DENIED**. All pending motions and request for relief not previously granted or granted herein are **DENIED**.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(Signatures affixed by Rule 15 Inactive Well
Master Order dated August 6, 2013.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
O 59 05042	7B	10075	LONG, N. L., ETAL	1
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve UIC H-5 Test issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
O 59 36186	7B	27019	CARTER	1
No approved W-3X on file				
O 59 36513	7B	29470	MCCOWEN	1
No approved W-3X on file				
O 59 36767	7B	30562	PAYNE, CHARLES & LINDA	1
No approved W-3X on file				
O 59 81679	7B	10075	LONG, N. L., ETAL	4
No approved W-3X on file				
O 83 31192	7B	151679	CUMMINGS	1
No approved W-3X on file				
O 83 33870	7B	109855	RICHEY, J. E.	3
No approved W-3X on file				
O 83 34354	7B	116033	MULLINS "A"	4
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve lack of Good Faith Claim issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
O 83 34452	7B	29151	MULLINS "B"	1
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve lack of Good Faith Claim issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
O 83 34514	7B	26906	MULLINS "C"	1
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve lack of Good Faith Claim issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
O 83 35690	7B	221698	RICHEY, CONCHO	1
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file				
133 33831	7B	151112	ZIGHR	1
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file				
133 37696	7B	27524	ZIEHR	2
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve UIC H-5 Test issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
133 38062	09	255638	FRED ZIEHR	1
No approved W-3X on file				
399 34984	7C	16189	CONTENT RICHEY	1
No approved W-3X on file				

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Exhibit A

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API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
483 30804	10	091905	GUEST, SAM J.	1

No approved W-3X on file

INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS ON 10-YEAR INACTIVE WELLS: For wells shut-in at least 10 years as of September 1, 2010, operators were given five years to address the surface equipment removal requirements. For your Organization Report renewal on MARCH 1, 2013, Rule 15(i) requires that you be at least 40% complete with this process. Current W-3C records indicate that you have not met this requirement (0% of your phase-in wells show that you have completed the surface cleanup). Your Organization Report renewal cannot be approved until you have met this requirement and have filed the appropriate Commission forms to update our records.

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Exhibit A

