



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## HEARINGS DIVISION

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 05-0282052**

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**THE APPLICATION OF TRIVIUM OPERATING, LLC FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 32 FOR THE SWIFT LEASE, WELL NO. 2H, HOFFMAN LANE (WOODBINE A) FIELD, LEON COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**HEARD BY:** Richard D. Atkins, P.E. - Technical Examiner  
Terry Johnson - Legal Examiner

**DATE OF HEARING:** April 22, 2013

**APPEARANCES:**

**REPRESENTING:**

**APPLICANT:**

Bill Spencer  
Cary McGregor

Trivium Operating, LLC

### EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Trivium Operating, LLC ("Trivium") requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare casinghead gas from the Swift Lease, Well No. 2H, Hoffman Lane (Woodbine A) Field, Leon County, Texas.

Notice was provided to offset operators surrounding the above referenced lease. The application is unopposed and the examiners recommend approval of the exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare casinghead gas, as requested by Trivium.

#### DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE

Statewide Rule 32 governs the utilization for legal purposes of natural gas produced under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. Specifically, Statewide Rule 32(h) provides that an exception to flare natural gas in volumes greater than 50 MCFGPD per well may be granted administratively for a period up to 180 days. Beyond that, Statewide Rule 32(h) provides that exceptions beyond 180 days shall be granted only in a final order signed by the Commission. In the context of the subject application, Trivium is requesting to flare casinghead gas produced from the subject well from the date the administrative permit expired through June 30, 2014, as provided by Statewide Rule 32(h).



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The Swift Lease, Well No. 2H, is completed in the Hoffman Lane (Woodbine A) Field, in eastern Leon County, Texas, and is located approximately 18 miles northeast of the town of Centerville, Texas. This area of the Hoffman Lane (Woodbine A) Field lacks existing oil and gas infra-structure for new gas production. The subject well is located approximately 2 miles west of an Atmos Pipeline-Texas gas gathering pipeline. Trivium estimated a \$750,000 cost to construct a pipeline, which will require boring under the Trinity River, to connect to the Atmos gas gathering pipeline.

Trivium submitted a copy of the Commission Form W-2 filed for the Swift Lease, Well No. 9H, that was completed in September 2012. The well produced 130 BOPD, 448 MCFGPD and 2,668 BWPD with a gas-oil ratio of 3,446 cubic feet per barrel. Trivium received administrative Permit No. 12163 to flare 2,000 MCFPD of casinghead gas from the well. The permit was effective October 4, 2012, and expired on April 4, 2013, after two extensions, which totaled the maximum 180 days allowed by an administrative permit.

Trivium requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare a maximum of 200 MCFPD of casinghead gas produced from the subject well from the date the administrative permit expired through June 30, 2014. Trivium needs until June 30, 2014, to construct a pipeline to connect to the Atmos gas gathering pipeline. An operator is considered temporarily compliant with Statewide Rule 32 until final Commission action on the hearing application if it has requested a hearing prior to the expiration of the administratively granted permit. Trivium has requested a hearing for the subject well before the administrative flare permit expired.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Proper notice of this hearing was given at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. There were no protests to the application.
2. The Swift Lease, Well No. 2H, is completed in the Hoffman Lane (Woodbine A) Field, in eastern Leon County, Texas, and is located approximately 18 miles northeast of the town of Centerville, Texas.
  - a. This area of the Hoffman Lane (Woodbine A) Field lacks existing oil and gas infra-structure for new gas production.
  - b. The subject well was completed in September 2012 and produced 130 BOPD, 448 MCFGPD and 2,668 BWPD with a gas-oil ratio of 3,446 cubic feet per barrel.
  - c. The subject well is located approximately 2 miles west of an Atmos Pipeline-Texas gas gathering pipeline.
  - d. The estimated cost to construct a pipeline is \$750,000 and will require boring under the Trinity River to connect to the Atmos gas gathering pipeline.
3. Statewide Rule 32(h) stipulates that the Commission may administratively grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for a period no greater than 180 days.