### OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 02-0254504

# THE APPLICATION OF BLUESTONE NATURAL RESOURCES LLC TO CONSIDER NEW FIELD DESIGNATION AND FIELD RULES FOR THE (PROPOSED) MESCALERO (WILCOX J SAND) FIELD, GOLIAD COUNTY, TEXAS

Heard by: Donna K. Chandler on December 20, 2007

### **Appearances:**

#### **Representing:**

Dale Miller

Bluestone Natural Resources LLC

# **EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

# STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Bluestone Natural Resources LLC requests that a new field designation called the Mescalero (Wilcox J Sand) Field be approved for its Gentry Powell Well No. 1. Bluestone requests that the following field rules be adopted for the new field:

- 1. Designation of the field as the correlative interval from 9,300 feet to 10,500 feet as shown on the log of the Gentry Powell Well No. 1;
- 2. Allocation based on 95% deliverability and 5% per well.

There were no protests to this application and the examiner recommends approval of the new field designation and field rules.

### DISCUSSION OF EVIDENCE

Bluestone Natural Resource LLC completed its Gentry Powell Well No. 1 in May 2007. The well is perforated in the Wilcox between 9,380 and 9,501 feet. On initial test, the well produced at a rate of 1,207 MCFD.

The new field designation should be approved for the Gentry Powell No. 1. There are more than 100 wellbores within a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mile radius of the No. 1 well, 67 of which were not drilled deep enough to penetrate the subject interval in the Gentry Powell No. 1. There are four wells within 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles which are perforated within 100 vertical feet of the producing interval in the Gentry Powell No. 1. These four wells are almost 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles to the northeast

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and are separated by a dry hole from the Gentry Powell No. 1. The remaining wells are completed in deeper intervals. Additionally, the Gentry Powell No. 1 encountered virgin pressure of 5,260 psi.

Bluestone Mile requests that the entire correlative interval between 9,300 feet and 10,500 feet in the Gentry Powell Well No. 1 be considered a single field known as the Mescalero (Wilcox J Sand) Field. This interval includes several Wilcox sands which would not be economically produced as separate completions. The cost to drill the Gentry Powell No. 1 well was almost \$2.7 million and the production has steeply declined from over 1,000 MCFD to less than 200 MCFD in six months

State statutes require that a two factor allocation formula be adopted for the proposed field designation to be considered a single field. Bluestone requests that allocation be based on 95% deliverability and 5% per well for the field.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Notice of this hearing was given to all persons entitled to notice at least ten days prior to the date of hearing.
- 2. Bluestone Natural Resource LLC completed its Gentry Powell Well No. 1 in May 2007 with perforations in the Wilcox between 9,380 and 9,501 feet.
- 3. The Gentry Powell Well No. 1 is entitled to a new field designation.
  - a. There are more than 100 wellbores within a 2½ mile radius of the No.
    1 well, 67 of which were not drilled deep enough to penetrate the subject interval in the Gentry Powell No. 1.
  - b. There are only four wells within 2 ½ miles which are perforated within 100 vertical feet of the producing interval in the Gentry Powell No. 1, but these wells are separated from the Gentry Powell No. 1 by a dry hole.
  - c. The Gentry Powell No. 1 encountered virgin pressure of 5,260 psi.
- 4. The entire correlative interval from 9,300 feet to 10,500 feet in the Gentry Powell Well No. 1 should be designated as the Mescalero (Wilcox J Sand) Field.
- 5. Allocation based on 95% deliverability and 5% per well will protect correlative rights and meets statutory requirements for combining multiple productive zones into a single field.

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#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Proper notice of this hearing was issued.
- 2. All things have been accomplished or have occurred to give the Commission jurisdiction in this matter.
- 3. Approval of the requested new field designation and adoption of field rules will prevent waste, protect correlative rights and promote the orderly development of the field.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above findings and conclusions of law, the examiner recommends approval of the new field designation and adoption of field rules for the Mescalero (Wilcox J Sand) Field.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna K. Chandler Technical Examiner