

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 04-0230459**

**IN THE MONTE CRISTO, N. (VICKSBURG
L) FIELD, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO PRODUCTION OIL & GAS CO.
FOR A NEW FIELD DESIGNATION AND ADOPTION OF FIELD RULES
FOR THE MONTE CRISTO, N. (VICKSBURG L) FIELD
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on February 6, 2002, 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 Production Oil & Gas Co. for a New Field Designation to be known as the Monte Cristo, N. (Vicksburg L) Field (No. 62558 900), Hidalgo County, Texas, be and it is hereby approved.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the following field rules be and are hereby adopted for the Monte Cristo, N. (Vicksburg L) Field.

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval from 14,295 feet to 14,750 feet as shown on the Gamma Ray log of the El Paso Production Oil & Gas Co. Stalker Lease Well No. 3, Lot 83, Valley Farms Sub'd M. Gomez 18 Survey, Hidalgo County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Monte Cristo, N. (Vicksburg L) Field.

RULE 2: No well for gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (467) feet to any property line, lease line, or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE (933) feet to any applied for, permitted or completed well in the same reservoir on the same lease, pooled unit or unitized tract. The aforementioned distances in the above rule are minimum distances to allow an operator flexibility in locating a well, and the above spacing rule and the other rules to follow are for the purpose of permitting only one well to each drilling and proration unit in either field. Provided however, that the Commission will grant exceptions to permit drilling within shorter distances and drilling more wells than herein prescribed whenever the Commission shall have determined that such exceptions are necessary either to prevent waste or to prevent the confiscation of property. When exception to these rules is desired, application therefor shall

be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rules 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rules are incorporated herein by reference. The standard drilling unit shall remain forty (40) acres per well.

In applying this rule, the general order of the Commission with relation to the subdivision of property shall be observed.

RULE 3: The daily allowable production of gas from individual wells completed in a non-associated gas reservoir of the subject field shall be determined by allocating the allowable production, after deductions have been made for wells which are incapable of producing their gas allowables, among the individual wells in the following manner:

FIVE percent (5%) of the field's total allowable shall be allocated equally among all the individual prorable wells producing from the field.

NINETY-FIVE percent (95%) of the field's total allowable shall be allocated among the individual wells in the proportion that the deliverability of such well, as evidenced by the most recent G-10 test filed with the Railroad Commission bears to the summation of the deliverability of all prorable wells producing from the field.

Done this twenty-first day of February, 2002.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Chairman Michael L. Williams

Commissioner Charles R. Matthews

Commissioner Tony Garza

ATTEST

Secretary