

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 01-0262311**

**IN THE HERRADURA (1ST) FIELD,
LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
AMENDING FIELD RULES FOR THE
HERRADURA (1ST) FIELD
LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on July 30, 2009, 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 Rules 2 and 3 of the field rules for the Herradura (1st Yegua) Field adopted in Final Order No. 01-0215258, effective May 13, 1997, as amended, are amended as hereafter set out:

RULE 2: No gas well 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 ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) 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 are the minimum distances to allow an operator flexibility in locating a well. 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 Rule 37, which applicable provisions of said rule is incorporated herein by reference.

RULE 3: The acreage assigned to an individual gas well shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres; provided that, tolerance acreage of ten (10) percent shall

be allowed for each standard proration unit so that an amount not to exceed a maximum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (176) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (4,500) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres shall be a fractional proration unit. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of gas. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

An operator, at his option, shall be permitted to form optional drilling and proration units of FORTY (40) acres. A proportional acreage allowable credit will be given for a well on a fractional proration unit. The two farthestmost points of an FORTY (40) acre fractional proration unit shall not be greater than TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (2,100) feet removed from each other.

Operators shall file with the Commission certified plats of their properties in said field, which plats shall set out distinctly all of those things pertinent to the determination of the acreage credit claimed for each well; provided that if the acreage assigned to any proration unit has been pooled, the operator shall furnish the Commission with such proof as it may require as evidence that interests in and under such proration unit have been so pooled.

The allocation formula in the Herradura (1st Yegua) Field will remain suspended. The allocation formula may be reinstated administratively, in accordance with the Commission's rules, if the market demand for gas in the Herradura (1st Yegua) Field drops below 100% of deliverability.

Done this 18th day of August, 2009.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated August
18, 2009)**