

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 04-0228815**

**IN THE ELLEN, N.W. (9000 SAND)  
FIELD, BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE ELLEN, N.W. (9000 SAND) FIELD  
BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on July 26, 2001, 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 following temporary rules shall be adopted for the Ellen, N.W. (9000 Sand) Field, Brooks County, Texas.

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 9010 feet to 9031 feet as shown on the Gamma Ray log of the United Oil & Minerals, LP, Cage Ranch Lease Well No. 4, Leonardo Vargas Survey, Brooks County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Ellen, N.W. (9000 Sand) Field.

**RULE 2:** No well for gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (1320) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY (2640) feet 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. 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.

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

**RULE 3:** The acreage assigned to the individual gas well for the purpose of allocating allowable gas production thereto shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres. No proration unit shall consist

of more than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) 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 THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO (352) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of SIX THOUSAND (6000) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) 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.

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.

**RULE 4:** 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 proportion that the acreage assigned such well for proration purposes bears to the summation of the acreage with respect to all prorable wells producing from the same reservoir.

It is further **ORDERED** that these rules are temporary and effective until February 7, 2003, or until Commission staff evaluates appropriate data after notice and opportunity for hearing as offered by the Commission prior to the expiration of the rules. After this notice and opportunity for hearing, should the evidence evaluated during review be insufficient to sustain spacing or proration unit rules, these temporary rules, on the Commission's own motion, will be terminated and the field will revert to Statewide spacing and density rules.

Done this seventh day of August, 2001.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**Chairman Michael L. Williams**

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**Commissioner Charles R. Matthews**

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**Commissioner Tony Garza**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**