

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 04-0249532**

**IN THE MONTE CHRISTO, S. (VICKS.
CONS.) FIELD, HIDALGO COUNTY,
TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF
EL PASO E & P COMPANY, LP TO AMEND FIELD RULES
MONTE CHRISTO, S. (VICKS. CONS.) FIELD
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on November 29, 2006, 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 field rules adopted in Final Order No. 04-0203811, effective January 31, 1994, for the Monte Cristo, S. (Vicks. Cons.) Field, Hidalgo County, Texas, are amended and renumbered as follows:

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval between 7,620 feet and 11,200 feet, as shown on the log of the F. I. Johnson Well No. 8, Sec. 217, Texas-American A-131 Survey, Hidalgo County, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Monte Cristo, S. (Vicks, Cons.) Field.

RULE 2: No well for oil or 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. 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 be forty (40) acres per well.

RULE 3: The daily allowable production of gas from individual wells completed in 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 19th day of December, 2006.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated
December 19, 2006)**