

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 08-0222155**

**IN THE MARSTON RANCH (DEVONIAN)
FIELD, WARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE MARSTON RANCH (DEVONIAN) FIELD
WARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on August 5, 1999, 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 Marston Ranch (Devonian) Field, Ward County, Texas.

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval from 6570 feet to 6690 feet as shown on the Platform Express log of the Rangeland Petroleum Corp. (now Amtex Energy, Inc.) Texaco "15" Well No. 1, Section 15, Blk B-20, PSL Survey, Ward County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Marston Ranch (Devonian) Field. Wells completed in the Marston Ranch (Devonian) Field may produce from perforations partially or entirely outside the correlative interval but shall be in a common reservoir (as defined by Commission Statewide Rule 79) with the producing interval of the discovery well of the Marston Ranch (Devonian) Field.

RULE 2: No well for gas 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 **TWELVE HUNDRED (1200)** 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 therefore shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rule 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 oil well for the purpose of allocating allowable oil production thereto 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 except as hereinafter provided. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (4500) feet removed from each other; provided however, that in the case of long and narrow leases or in cases where because of the shape of the lease such is necessary to permit the utilization of tolerance acreage the Commission may after proper showing grant exceptions to the limitations as to the shape of proration units as herein contained. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil.

If after the drilling of the last well on any lease and the assignment of acreage to each well thereon in accordance with the regulations of the Commission there remains an additional unassigned acreage of less than EIGHTY (80) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of EIGHTY (80) acres may be assigned as tolerance acreage to the last well drilled on such lease, or may be distributed among any group of wells located thereon so long as the proration units resulting from the inclusion of such additional acreage meet the limitations prescribed by the Commission.

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 maximum daily oil allowable for a well in the field shall be determined by multiplying the yardstick allowable by a fraction, the numerator of which is the acreage assigned to the well for proration purposes and the denominator of which is the maximum acreage authorized by these field rules for proration purposes, exclusive of tolerance acreage. The daily oil allowable for a well in the field shall be adjusted in accordance with Statewide Rule 49(a) when applicable.

It is further **ORDERED** that these rules are temporary and effective until April 5, 2001, 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.

Effective this fifth day of October, 1999.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Chairman Michael L. Williams

Commissioner Charles R. Matthews

Commissioner Tony Garza

ATTEST:

Secretary