

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 08-0276079**

**IN THE BYRD FIELD, WARD COUNTY,  
TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
AMENDING FIELD RULES  
FOR THE BYRD FIELD  
WARD COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on May 21, 2012, 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 Special Field Rules adopted in Special Order No. 8-4626, issued effective April 1, 1943, as amended, for the Byrd Field, Ward County, Texas be amended and the following rules shall be adopted.

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 2,622 feet to 2,930 feet as shown on the Welex Radioactivity log of the Kay Kimbell & E.P. Campbell F.D. Harper Lease, Well No. 1, H & TC Survey, Block 34, Sec. 24, Ward County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Byrd Field.

**RULE 2:** No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than THREE HUNDRED THIRTY(330) feet to any property line, lease line, or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than THREE HUNDRED THIRTY(330) 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 therefore 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 an 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 FORTY (40) acres. No proration unit shall contain more than FORTY (40) acres. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil or gas. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

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 FORTY (40) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of TWENTY (20) 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.

An operator, at his option, shall be permitted to form optional drilling units of TEN (10) acres. A proportional acreage allowable credit will be given for a well on a fractional proration unit.

For the determination of acreage credit in this field, operators shall file for each oil or gas well in this field a Form P-15 Statement of Productivity of Acreage Assigned to Proration Units. On that form or an attachment thereto, the operator shall list the number of acres that are being assigned to each well on the lease or unit for proration purposes, in lieu of amended Form P-15's. For oil and gas wells, operators shall be required to file, along with the Form P-15, a plat of the lease, unit or property; provided that such plat shall not be required to show individual proration units. Operators may, however, file such proration unit plats for individual wells in the field if they so choose. There is no maximum diagonal limitation in this field.

**RULE 4:** The maximum daily oil allowable for each well in the subject field shall be 60 barrels of oil per day, and the actual allowable for an individual well shall be determined by the sum total of the two following values:

- a. Each well shall be assigned an allowable equal to the top allowable established for a well having a proration unit containing the maximum acreage authorized exclusive of tolerance acreage multiplied by 5% and by then multiplying this value by a fraction, the numerator of which is the acreage assigned to the well and the denominator of which is the maximum acreage authorized for a proration unit exclusive of tolerance acreage.
- b. Each well shall be assigned an allowable equal to 95% of the maximum daily oil allowable above.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by OGC  
Unprotested Master Order dated June 12, 2012)**