

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 08-0268115**

**IN THE THUNDERBIRD (STRAWN)
FIELD, PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
ADOPTING TEMPORARY FIELD RULES FOR THE
THUNDERBIRD (STRAWN) FIELD
PECOS COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on December 15, 2010, 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 Field Rules shall be adopted on a temporary basis for the Thunderbird (Strawn) Field, Pecos County, Texas.

RULE 1: The correlative interval from 9,431 feet to 9,491 feet as shown on the log of the MLC Operating, LP - Harral-Collins Lease, Well No. 159, (API No. 42-371-37986), Section 59, Block C4, GC&SF RR Co. Survey, A-2802, Pecos County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Thunderbird (Strawn) Field.

RULE 2: No well for gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than NINE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE (933) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (1,867) feet to any applied for, permitted or completed well in the same reservoir on the same lease, pooled unit or unitized tract. The aforementioned distance is the minimum distance 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 therefore shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rule 37, 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 gas well for the purpose of allocating allowable 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 FIVE HUNDRED (6,500) 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 following manner:

FIFTY percent (50%) of the total field allowable shall be allocated among the individual wells in the proportion that the acreage assigned such well for allowable purposes bears to the summation of the acreage with respect to all proratable wells producing from this field.

FIFTY percent (50%) of the total field 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 proratable wells producing from this field.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the application of MLC Operating, LP for suspension of the allocation formula in the Thunderbird (Strawn) Field is approved. The allocation formula may be reinstated administratively if the market demand for gas in the Thunderbird (Strawn) Field drops below 100% of deliverability. If the market demand for gas in the Thunderbird (Strawn) Field drops below 100% of deliverability while the allocation formula is suspended, the operator shall immediately notify the Commission and the allocation formula shall be immediately reinstated.

It is further **ORDERED** that these rules are temporary and effective until June 8, 2012, 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, may be modified or terminated.

Done this 8th day of February, 2011.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated
February 8, 2011)**