

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0294176**

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**IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF HAYS PARTNERSHIP**

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**FINAL ORDER**

The Commission finds that after notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding the captioned matter, the Operator failed to request a hearing and pay the hearing fee as required by 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §89.022(f). This matter having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Hays Partnership [Operator #369057] (the "Operator"), is the record operator or one or more inactive wells in the State of Texas and is required to file Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission. Operator's most recent P-5 was due on or before July 1, 2014.
2. After filing its most recent Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission, the Operator was notified they were deficient and had failed to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells) and provided with a written statement of the reasons for the determination and allowed ninety (90) days from the date its P-5 was due to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §§89.021 - 89.030.
3. After the expiration of ninety (90) days and pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE §3.15(g)(4), an authorized Commission employee determined that the Operator's Organization Report still could not be renewed because the Operator continued to fail to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
4. The Commission sent the Operator a letter by certified mail giving notice to the Operator of the determination of continued non-compliance regarding specified inactive wells, attached as Exhibit A to this order, and advising the Operator of the right to request a hearing to show compliance. The letter notified the Operator that the hearing request must be received in docket services no later than 30 days after the date of the letter. The letter also notified the Operator that a final order denying renewal of the Operator's Organization Report (Form P-5) would result in the cancellation of all P-4 Certificates of Compliance and the severance of all pipeline or other carrier connections.

5. All notices and letters from the Commission to the Operator on this matter were addressed and mailed to the Operator's most recently reported address on the Form P-5 Organization Report.
6. The Operator did not timely request a hearing and pay the hearing fee on these issues as required under 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
7. Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) is a Commission rule that relates to safety or the prevention or control of pollution.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Operator received proper notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.
2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties in this matter have been performed or have occurred.
3. The Operator is in violation of Commission Statewide Rule 15 and did not timely request a hearing to contest the determination that it was in violation.
4. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report should not be renewed and all of the Operator's P-4 Certificates of Compliance should be cancelled, with all related pipeline or other carrier connections severed. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 (g)(4) and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.022(f), 91.704 - 91.706.
5. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report cannot be renewed until the operator brings the inactive wells shown on the attached Exhibit A into compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.

**IT IS ORDERED** that renewal of Hays Partnership's P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

**It is further ORDERED** that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Hays Partnership as operator of record are hereby **CANCELLED** and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby **SEVERED**.

**It is further ORDERED** that Hays Partnership shall bring the wells on Exhibit A into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until the wells on Exhibit A have been brought into compliance as required by this order.

**It is further ORDERED** that Hays Partnership and each person who held a position of ownership or control in the Operator at the time the Operator's most-recent P-5 Organization Report was filed shall be subject to the terms of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §91.114.

**It is further ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 20 days after a party is notified of the Commission's order. A party is presumed to have been notified of the Commission's order three days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely motion for rehearing is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T. CODE §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law, is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the parties are notified of the order.

All requested Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which are not expressly adopted herein are **DENIED**. All pending motions and request for relief not previously granted or granted herein are **DENIED**.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

(Signatures affixed by Rule 15 Inactive Well  
Master Order dated December 9, 2014.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
009 01788	09	00008	ANDREWS, B. C. FEE Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	3
009 31475	09	17849	ANDREWS Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	1
009 31994	09	18066	SMJ BENSON Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	1
009 32036	09	18066	SMJ BENSON No approved W-3X on file	2
009 35728	09	17849	ANDREWS Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	3
009 36964	09	18066	SMJ BENSON Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	6
009 38500	09	18066	SMJ BENSON Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	9
009 38972	09	25723	ANDREWS, B. C. No approved W-3X on file	1
009 39986	09	19517	BENSON (DEEP) Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	3
009 80466	09	28206	BENSON "F" Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	5
009 80470	09	28206	BENSON "F" No approved W-3X on file	9
009 81553	09	27910	BENSON "A" No approved W-3X on file	2
009 87511	09	14428	ANDREWS, M. P. Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	1
503 32036	09	145151	BENSON No approved W-3X on file	1
503 35265	09	21541	SHAH YCA-899-B- No approved W-3X on file	1
503 35307	09	22817	SHAH YCA 899-C No approved W-3X on file	1

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Exhibit A

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
503 37844	09	22858	SHAH YCA 923	2
No approved W-3X on file				
503 37996	09	24441	YCA 923-B	1
No approved W-3X on file				
503 80011	09	021389	RAMSEY-CORLEY	1
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				
No approved W-3X on file				
503 85498	09	28206	BENSON "F"	7
No approved W-3X on file				

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