

# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## **HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 01-0292676

THE APPLICATION OF EOG RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 32 FOR THE THOMPSON B UNIT, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) FIELD, ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS

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**HEARING DATE:** 

October 30, 2014

**CONFERENCE DATE:** 

February 10, 2015

**APPEARANCES:** 

**APPLICANT:** 

REPRESENTING:

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#### **EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG), is requesting an exception to Statewide Rule 32 (16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.32) for the Thompson B Unit, Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field, Atascosa County, Texas. All offset operators in the field were notified of the hearing. There were no objections filed, and no Protestants appeared at the hearing. The examiners recommend approval of the exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare casinghead gas as requested by EOG.

## **DISCUSSION OF EVIDENCE**

Statewide Rule 32 governs the utilization of gas well gas and casinghead gas produced by oil and gas wells under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. EOG is seeking an exception to Statewide Rule 32. An administrative permit, (No.16269), for 180 days was issued to EOG to flare a maximum of 150 mcf per day (150 mcfd), effective 02/15/2014 through 08/16/2014. EOG is now requesting an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare a maximum of 125 mcfd of casinghead gas from 08/16/2014 until a compressor station is completed on 01/15/2015, at which time flaring will no longer be necessary.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Proper Notice was given to all parties entitled to notice at least 10 days prior to the hearing. There were no protests to the application.
- 2. Statewide Rule 32 governs the utilization of gas well gas and casinghead gas produced by oil and gas wells under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission.
- 3. EOG is seeking an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for the Thompson B Unit.
- 4. An administrative flaring permit (No.16269) was issued effective 02/15/2014, for 180 days and expired 08/16/2014.
- 5. EOG is requesting a exception to flare a maximum of 125 mcfd of casinghead gas from 08/16/2014 until the well can be connected to a compressor station on 01/15/2015.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Resolution of the subject application is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 81.051.
- 2. Proper notice was issued as required by all applicable statutes and regulatory codes.
- 3. An exception to flare casinghead gas is provided under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.32(h).

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the examiners recommend that the Commission grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare a maximum of 125 mcfd from 08/16/2014 to 01/15/2015 as requested by EOG Resources, inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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