#### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0297641** 

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF MILESTONE OPERATING, INC.

#### 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. Milestone Operating, Inc. [Operator #567103] (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 March 1, 2015.
- 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 §889.021 89.030.

IT IS ORDERED that renewal of Milestone Operating, Inc.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED.** 

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

It is further ORDERED that Milestone Operating, Inc. 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 Milestone Operating, Inc. 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 August 25, 2015.)

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API	Number I	istrict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
	00019	03 y must be	23585 disconnecte		3
199	00025 No approve	03 ed W-3X on	173258 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO. FEE -B-	3
199	00572 No approve	03 d W-3X on	10914 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO. FEE -C-	12
199	00579 No approve	03 d W-3X on	25164 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO. FEE "C"	19
199	00579 No approve	03 d W-3X on	13163 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO FEE -C-	19
199	00587 No approve	03 d W-3X on	07424 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO., FEE -C-	27
199	00588 No approve	03 d W-3X on	10909 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO. FEE -C-	28
199	00589 No approve	03 d W-3X on	22126 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO FEE -C-	29
199	00594 No approve	03 d W-3X on	22126 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO FEE -C-	34
199	00595 No approve	03 d W-3X on	13163 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO FEE -C-	35
199	00596 No approve	03 d W-3X on	10905 file	EAST TEXAS OIL CO. FEE -C-	36
199	32643 No approve	03 d W-3X on	244394 file	EAST TEXAS OIL COMPANY FEE "B"	6
199	32643 No approve	03 d W-3X on	263403 file	EAST TEXAS OIL COMPANY FEE "B"	6
199	32674 No approve		234439 file	ARCO HCSL	5
245	01686 No approve	03 d W-3X on	186166 file	LOVELLS LAKE FRIO 1 GAS UNIT	37
245	01694 No approve		186133 file	BROUSSARD TRUST	8
245	01699 No approve		234372 file	LOVELLS LAKE FRIO 1 GAS UNIT	39
245	01701 No approve	03 d W-3X on	09044 file	BROUSSARD TRUST	23

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## Exhibit A

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API	Number Di	strict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
		03	165898	LOVELL LAKE GAS UNIT 1	8
245	01812 No approved	03 W-3X on	007031 file	NELSON, R. B., -B-	1
245	01818 No approved	03 W-3X on	23193 file	STEINHAGEN, B. A. "B"	1
245	30013 No approved	03 W-3X on	172180 file	BROUSSARD TRUST	62
245	31456 No approved	03 W-3X on	25282 file	JEFFERSON LAND COMPANY	58
245	32339 No approved	03 W-3X on	24806 file	QUAIL UNIT	1
245	32342 No approved	03 W-3X on	205166 file	QUAIL UNIT	2
245	32349 No approved	03 W-3X on	227310 file	JEFFERSON LAND COMPANY	51R
245	32458 No approved	03 W-3X on	25460 file	QUAIL UNIT	3
245	32551 No approved	03 W-3X on	244400 file	JEFFERSON LAND COMPANY	60
245	32566 No approved	03 W-3X on	257936 file	JEFFERSON LAND COMPANY	61
245	32608 No approved	03 W-3X on	251262 file	JEFFERSON LAND COMPANY	63
245	80052 No approved	03 W-3X on	007038 file	LOVELL LAKE FRIO 1 GU	13
245	80128 No approved	03 W-3X on	039949 file	LOVELL LAKE FRIO I G.U.	8
245	80191 No approved	03 W-3X on	050285 file	LOVELL LAKE FRIO 1 GAS UNIT	25
	81508 No approved		23096 file	NELSON, R.BB-	2

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# Exhibit A