

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 8A-0300542**

**IN THE HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK)  
FIELD, LUBBOCK COUNTY TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
AMENDING FIELD RULES FOR THE  
HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK) FIELD,  
LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on July 19, 2016, the presiding Examiners have 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 Examiners' 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 Field Rules adopted in Final Order No. 8A-74,647, effective March 3, 1980, for the Hoople (Clear Fork) Field, and last amended in Final Order No. 8A-0271144, effective September 13, 2011, are hereby amended. The amended Field Rules are set out in their entirety as follows

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 4,041 feet to 5,118 feet, as shown on the log of the Juno Operating Company, LLC - Aoco-Hoople (Clearfork) Unit, Well No. 161R (API No. 42-107-31239), Section 1043, Block 1, H&OB RR Co. Survey, A-263, Crosby County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Hoople (Clear Fork) 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. There is no minimum between well spacing limitation. 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. 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 and 38, 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 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 consist of more than FORTY (40) acres except as hereinafter provided. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil. 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 FIVE (5) 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 well in this field a Form P-16 Data Sheet Acreage Designation. 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. Operators shall not be required to file plats with the Form P-16 Data Sheet showing individual proration units for oil or gas wells. Operators may, however, file such proration unit plats for individual wells in the field if they choose. Provided further, that if the acreage assigned to any well 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. 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 the 1965 Yardstick Allowable of 93 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 NINETY FIVE percent (95%) of the maximum daily oil allowable above.

- b. 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 FIVE percent (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.

The daily oil allowable for a well in the field shall be adjusted in accordance with Statewide Rule 49(a) when applicable.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 25 days after the Commission's order is signed, unless the time for filing a motion for rehearing has been extended under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.142, by agreement under Tex. Gov't Code §2001.147, or by written Commission Order issued pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code §2001.146(e). If a timely motion for rehearing of an application 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 Commission Order is signed.

Done this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by  
Hearings Divisions' Unprotested Master  
Order dated September 27, 2016)**