

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0301840

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF HRB OPERATING COMPANY, 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. HRB OPERATING COMPANY, INC. [Operator #407764] (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 May 1, 2016.
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 HRB OPERATING COMPANY, INC.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

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

It is further ORDERED that HRB OPERATING COMPANY, 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 HRB OPERATING COMPANY, 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 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 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 Commission Order is signed.

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 October 11, 2016.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
089 32458 No approved W-3X on file	03	216404	BROYLES	1
105 35633 No approved W-3X on file	7C	135108	COX ESTATE "A"	3013
161 00648 No approved W-3X on file	05	060406	BURLESON HILL GAS UNIT 1	1
201 31641 No approved W-3X on file	03	111211	COHN, A. B.	1
237 35669 No approved W-3X on file	09	23873	CHERRYHOMES "B"	4
237 35920 No approved W-3X on file	09	23873	CHERRYHOMES "B"	5
237 36392 No approved W-3X on file	09	273694	CHERRYHOMES "Y"	3
237 36897 No approved W-3X on file	09	24434	CHERRYHOMES "Y"	4
237 37165 No approved W-3X on file	09	26323	CHERRYHOMES "C"	11
237 80292 No approved W-3X on file	09	029149	BEAN, G. W.	1
337 31366 No approved W-3X on file	09	20095	THWEATT #1	1
337 82755 No approved W-3X on file	09	20671	THWEATT #2	2
341 80823 No approved W-3X on file	10	025440	JONES, C. R.	A 1
363 31166 No approved W-3X on file	7B	072485	RHODES RANCH	114
365 00539 No approved W-3X on file	06	029319	BRUMBLE	1 T
365 00539 No approved W-3X on file	06	029542	BRUMBLE UNIT	1 T
365 01125 No approved W-3X on file	06	029445	HICKEY, CURTIS	1
365 31852 No approved W-3X on file	06	124818	MCCAIN	1
365 32990 No approved W-3X on file	06	151049	MCCAIN	2

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Exhibit A

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
481 32181 No approved W-3X on file	03	096710	LISSIE GU 2	1
497 01701 No approved W-3X on file	09	10754	MEEKS, R. E.	1
497 02005 No approved W-3X on file	09	029167	FRENCH, J. E. UNIT	1
497 31135 No approved W-3X on file	09	18893	HODGES, THOMAS	1
497 31890 No approved W-3X on file	09	23418	VOLLINTINE, DEREK "B"	2
497 32217 No approved W-3X on file	09	098244	WHITAKER	1
497 32765 No approved W-3X on file	09	27338	SHIPLEY, M. C.	1 A

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