# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0302254** 

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF WALLIS ENERGY, 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. Wallis Energy, Inc. [Operator #893997] (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 June 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 § 889.021 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 Wallis Energy, Inc.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby DENIED.
- It is further ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Wallis Energy, Inc. as operator of record are hereby CANCELLED and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby SEVERED.
- It is further ORDERED that Wallis Energy, 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 Wallis Energy, 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 November 15, 2016.)

API	Number D	istrict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
007	00263 No approve		13568 ifile	SPENCER-KENT-CRANE	3A
013	31378 No approve		13993 file	NIXON-DILLARD	1
025	00233 No approve Must resol	d W-3X on	file	FREELAND, J. M. preventing 14(B)(2) approval	6
025	02329 No approve Must resol			FREELAND, J.M15 delinquency preventing 14B2 ap	9 U oproval
025	02329 No approve Must resol	d W-3X on	file	FREELAND, J. M15 delinquency preventing 14B2 ap	9 L oproval
025	31440 No approve		07840 file	HARTZENDORF EST.	1
025	33177 No approved		08734 file	NORMANNA TOWNSITE UNIT II	1
047	31500 No approved		133959 file	STATE-MARSHALL	45 U
047	31500 No approved			STATE-MARSHALL	45 L
123	31161 No approved			SMITH, MARY LEE	1
	10879 No approved		056752 file	WORDEN-DROUGHT	1
	11130 No approved		045236 file	WORDEN - DROUGHT	9
	20120 No approved	04 l W-3X on	041674 file	WORDEN - DROUGHT	8
	37129 No approved		130338 file	MARTINEZ, ADAMI	1
	01853 No approved		037087 file	DE RUEDA, EULOGIO	2
	80000 No approved		010283 file	STATE OF TEXAS TR. 11	1
	32752 No approved		116318 file	MCNEILL, ANNA MAY	1
	33662 No approved			MCNEILL	1 B

API	Number Di	strict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number	<del>.</del>
297	34126 No approved			RIPPSTEIN	1	
355	33589 No approved			BLOSSMAN ET AL GAS UNIT	2	
391	02620 No approved	02 W-3X on	063138 file	LAMBERT, J. A.	8	
391	02947 No approved	02 W-3X on	066561 file	LAMBERT, J. A.	9	
391	02953 No approved			HYNES, PHIL	A 1	
391	03102 No approved	04 W-3X on	134807 file	ROCHE, K.D. "E"	10	
409	01974 No approved	04 W-3X on	04663 file	WILLIAMS, JAMES P.	2 U	
409	01974 No approved	04 W-3X on	04651 file	WILLIAMS, JAMES P.	2 L	
409	01976 No approved	04 W-3X on	120991 file	WILLIAMS, JAMES P.	4	
409	32858 No approved		13515 file	SIMS	12	
	80038 No approved			SIMS, A. LOY	5	
	80534 No approved			SIMS	1	
	80536 No approved			SIMS	6	
	80538 No approved			SIMS	10	
	80558 No approved			SIMS	8	
	81490 No approved			SIMS	3	
	30318 No approved	04 W-3X on :	117448 file	GARZA, RUBEN	1	
	32776 Surface equi No approved	04 pment mus W-3X on :	st be remove	GUERRA MINERAL TRUST (NCT-III) ed (certify on Form W-3C)	6	

API	Number Dis	strict	ID Number	Lease N	Name				Well :	Nur	mber
427	33026 No approved			GUERRA	MINERAI	TRUST	"NCT	III"		9	
427	33026 No approved	04 W-3X on	170472 file	GUERRA	MINERAL	TRUST	"NCT	III"		9	
469	30282 No approved Must resolve	W-3X on	file	·	CHARLE nquency		ting	14B2	approva	1 1	
479	30280 No approved			PEREZ,	AMADO					2	
479	30640 No approved	04 W-3X on :	13904 file	PEREZ,	AMADO					6	A
479	30659 No approved			PEREZ,	AMADO					8	A
479	30660 Surface equi No approved	pment mus	058654 st be remove file			Form W-	3C)			7	
479	30687 Surface equi No approved	04 pment mus W-3X on f	08334 st be remove File	DINN, E d (cert	LVA L. ify on	Form W-	3C)			1	
479	30716 No approved		13904 File	PEREZ,	AMADO					9	
479	30879 No approved			PEREZ,	AMADO				1	. 0	
_	30934 Surface equi No approved	04 pment mus W-3X on f	st be remove	PEREZ, d (cert	AMADO ify on	Form W-	3C)		1	.1	
	31329 Surface equi No approved N	pment mus	st be remove			Form W-	3C)		1	.2	
	35039 Surface equip No approved N	04 pment mus W-3X on f	t be remove	LEAL d (cert	ify on :	Form W-1	3C)			1	

INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS ON 10-YEAR INACTIVE WELLS: For wells shut-in at least 10 years as of September 1, 2010, operators were given five years to address the surface equipment removal requirements. For your Organization Report renewal on JUNE 1, 2016, Rule 15(i) requires that you be at least 100% complete with this process. Current W-3C records indicate that you have not met this requirement (77% of your phase-in wells show that you have completed the surface cleanup). Your Organization Report renewal cannot be approved until you have met this requirement and have filed the appropriate Commission forms to update our records.

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Exhibit A