# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0303114

### IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF OIL WELL BUYERS CORP.

#### 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. Oil Well Buyers Corp. [Operator #620960] (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 August 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 Oil Well Buyers Corp.'s P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED.** 

It is further ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Oil Well Buyers Corp. as operator of record are hereby CANCELLED and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby SEVERED.

It is further ORDERED that Oil Well Buyers Corp. 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 Oil Well Buyers Corp. 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 January 24, 2017.)

AP	I Number I	District	ID Number	Lease Name W	ell Number					
19	00771 No approve	03 ed W-3X on	05435 file	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B-	2K					
199	00772 No approve	03 ed W-3X on	05762 file	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	4					
199	00775 Surface eq No approve	uipment mu	ist be remov	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B- ved (certify on Form W-3C)	7					
199	00776 No approve		05435 file	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B-	8					
199	MO abbrose	a w-3x on	riie	GULF-HOPKINS FEE TRACT 24	1					
	Must resolve Field Operations H-15 failure preventing 14(B)(2) approval									
199	00914 No approve	03 d W-3X on	03685 file	GULF-HOPKINS FEE TRACT 23	2					
199	01685 No approve		06076 file	SUN FEE	1					
239	01430 No approved	02 d W-3X on :	054940 file	LOVETT EST.	3					
239	01431 No approved	02 d W-3X on i	054941 Eile	LOVETT EST.	4					
239	01443 No approved		04126 Eile	LOVETT ESTATE	1 U					
239	01443 No approved	02 H W-3X on f	001583 File	LOVETT ESTATE	1					
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	80471 No approved	02 W-3X on f	00441 ile	TRULL, B. W., -A-	1					
	80739 No approved Must resolv	W-3X on f	ile	MAURITZ  15 failure preventing 14(B)(2) appro	1					
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Exhibit A

API	Number D	istrict	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
	. 02629 No approved	03	01157		1
291	. 03353 No approved	03 1 W-3X on	06005 file	ALEXANDER, K. J.	2
291	03676 No approved	03 l W-3X on	02710 file	GULF-DEUSSEN FEE -A-	1
291	03678 No approved	03 l W-3X on	02710 file	GULF-DEUSSEN FEE -A-	3
291	30116 No approved	03 W-3X on	06239 file	DOUGLASS, WEISS	2A
291	30117 No approved			DOUGLASS, WEISS	1A
291	81620 No approved	03 W-3X on	06239 file	DOUGLASS, WEISS	3
373	00625 No approved	03 W-3X on	05435 file	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B~	9
373	00626 No approved	03 W-3X on	05762 file	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	3
373	TIO OPPIOVED	M-SV OII	LILE	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B- 15 failure preventing 14(B)(2) app:	10 roval
457	00166 No approved	03	11186	SWEARINGEN	1
457	00168 No approved	03 W-3X on f	02180 File	YOUNG	3
457	80118 No approved	03 W-3X on f	14954 Tile	CHARLES KIEKE	2 D

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 AUGUST 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 (91% 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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