

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

Oil & Gas Docket No. 03-0301532

**APPLICATION OF RILEY EXPLORATION OPG
CO, LLC FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE
RULE 21 PERTAINING TO FIRE PREVENTION
AND SWABBING OF THE STEGLICH -A-
(19436) LEASE, WELL NO. 1A, SERBIN
(TAYLOR SAND) FIELD, BASTROP COUNTY,
TEXAS.**

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that, after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket, heard on October 20, 2016, the ALJ and Technical Examiner have made and filed a report and proposal for decision containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, which was served on all parties of record, 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 proposal for decision and the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and any exceptions and replies thereto, 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 application of Riley Exploration OPG Co, LLC for an exception to Statewide Rule 21 to allow production by swabbing of the Steglich -A- (19436) Lease, Well No. 1A, Serbin (Taylor Sand) Field, Bastrop County, Texas be and is hereby **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS

1. Wellhead Control. All wells must remain equipped with wellhead control consistent with the requirements of Statewide Rule 13.
2. Production Reporting. All hydrocarbons produced must be reported consistent with the requirements of Statewide Rule 58.
3. Intention to Plug. The operator must file a Form W-3A (Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon with the District Office at least five (5) days prior to beginning plugging operations. If, however, a drilling rig is already at work on location and ready to begin plugging operations, the district director or the director's delegate may waive this requirement upon request, and verbally approve the proposed plugging procedures.

4. Notification of plugging. The operator **MUST** call to notify the appropriate district office a minimum of four (4) hours prior to beginning plugging operations. The individual giving notification **MUST** be able to advise the district office of the docket number and all water protection depths for that location as stated in the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality letter.
5. Plugged Wells. Should any wells on this lease ever be plugged and abandoned, the Commission will consider such plugging and abandonment as prima facie evidence that production from said well is no longer necessary to prevent confiscation of applicant's property or to prevent waste; and upon such plugging and abandonment, the authority for such well as granted under this permit shall cease.
6. Permit Expiration. This permit shall not expire so long as Riley Exploration OPG Co, LLC remains the operator of the applied-for well on the lease. This permit is not transferable.

Each exception to the examiners' proposal for decision not expressly granted herein is overruled. All requested findings of fact and conclusions of law which are not expressly adopted herein are denied. All pending motions and requests for relief not previously granted or granted herein are denied.

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 the Commission Order is signed.

Done this 14th day of February, 2017.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS



CHAIRMAN CHRISTI CRADDICK




COMMISSIONER RYAN SITTON



COMMISSIONER WAYNE CHRISTIAN

ATTEST:



SECRETARY

