RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 8A-0303718

SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING OF MNA ENTERPRISES LTD. CO. (OP. NO. 571988) FOR THE DANIEL (67511) LEASE, WELL NO. 1, LANDON, EAST (DEV) FIELD, COCHRAN COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM SIANA OIL & GAS (OP. NO. 779259) TO MNA ENTERPRISES LTD. CO.

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the prior operator of the captioned lease did not respond and the docket proceeded as a default. The proceeding 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 Facts and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At least ten days notice was given to Siana Oil & Gas, Operator No. 779259.
- 2. Siana Oil & Gas, ("Siana") Operator No. 779259, is the operator of record for the Daniel (67511) Lease, Well No. 1, Landon, East (Dev) Field, Cochran County, Texas.
- 3. MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. holds Operator No. 571988. MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. is the operator for Mattco Resources, Inc., the lessee under the oil and gas lease described below.
- 4. On or about February 8, 2017, Administrative Law Judge Lammert requested in writing that Siana either (1) provide evidence that it holds a good faith claim to a continuing right to operate the referenced property or (2) request a hearing on the matter on or before March 24, 2017. This writing expressly notified the operator that failure to timely request a hearing would constitute waiver of the opportunity to request a hearing on the matter.
- 5. A "good faith claim" is defined in Commission Statewide Rule (15)(a)(5) as "a factually supported claim based on a recognized legal theory to a continuing possessory right in the mineral estate, such as evidence of a currently valid oil and gas lease or a recorded deed conveying a fee interest in the mineral estate."

- 6. The subject Commission-recognized lease, the Daniel (67511) Lease, Well No. 1, Landon, East (Dev) Field, Cochran County, Texas, Texas, has been inactive a period of almost two years and has not reported production since June, 2015.
- 7. MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. presented an Oil and Gas Lease dated effective December 13, 2016, executed by the Milton Daniel Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee, purporting to cover the subject property, for a one (1) year primary term, as its "good faith claim."
- 8. Siana Oil & Gas failed to provide evidence that it holds a "good faith claim" to a continuing right to operate the referenced property and also failed to timely request a hearing.
- 9. Siana Oil & Gas does not hold a "good faith claim" to operate the referenced property.
- 10. Pursuant to Tex. Gov'T Code §§ 2001.056 and 2001.062(e), the parties waived the opportunity to request a hearing on the matter.
- 11. MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. has demonstrated a "good faith claim" to a continuous right to operate the referenced property.
- 12. The Daniel (67511) Lease, Well No. 1, Landon, East (Dev) Field, Cochran County, Texas, should be transferred to MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. as operator of record.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Proper notice of hearing was timely issued to appropriate persons entitled to notice.
- 2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction have occurred.
- 3. Resolution of this docket is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Tex. Gov't Code §§ 81.051.
- 4. Siana Oil & Gas does not have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the subject lease and well.

5. MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. does have a "good faith claim" to operate the subject lease and well.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of MNA Enterprises Ltd. Co. for transfer of the Form P-4 "Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority" for the Daniel (67511) Lease, Well No. 1, Landon, East (Dev) Field, Cochran County, Texas, is hereby **APPROVED**, subject to the provisions of Tex. NAT. Res. Code §§ 91.107, 91.114, 91.142 and Tex. Admin. Code § 3.15.

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.

All pending motions and requests for relief not previously or herein granted are denied.

Done this 25th day of April, 2017, in Austin, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(ORDER APPROVED AND SIGNATURES AFFIXED BY HEARINGS DIVISION UNPROTESTED MASTER ORDER DATED APRIL 25, 2017)