

# Railroad Commission of Texas

OIL AND GAS DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION:

DOCKET NO. 6-57,830

IN RE:

Commission called hearing pertaining to the proper plugging of seven wells in the East Texas Field, Upshur County, Texas

DATE OF HEARING:

September 7, 1967

APPEARANCES:

None

The operator of record was Pete Davis, and the wells involved were deviated wells on which civil action and penalty action was taken, and which, according to Commission records, remain unplugged.

Notice of the hearing was duly delivered to the operator, with return receipt returned, but there were no appearances for the hearing, and no defense was made. United Drilling Company and F. C. Deutsch were named in the notice of hearing as non-operators. Attorney for Mr. Deutsch filed a letter, stating that his client was not a non-operator, within the statutory definition, and that neither Mr. Deutsch nor the United Drilling Company ever owned any interest in the subject wells, but the operator rented on a per day basis certain equipment from United Drilling Company, with which to drill the wells, and that neither the Drilling Company nor Mr. Deutsch ever had any drilling contract with the operators.

He further pointed out that his clients were dismissed from the civil and penalty actions as not being proper parties to those actions.

It is the recommendation of the writer that order be issued to Pete Davis to plug the subject wells.

Respectfully submitted,

*J. Brooks Peden*  
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Senior Legal Examiner

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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

RECOMMENDATION DENIED:

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