# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

### OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 6E-0304755

SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING OF ETF OPERATING, LLC (OP. NO. 254898) FOR THE HARRIS, T.B. -B- (O7760) LEASE, EAST TEXAS FIELD, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM WHITE TIGER PRODUCTION (OP. NO. 916968) TO ETF OPERATING

#### **FINAL ORDER**

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the prior operator of the captioned leases appeared at hearing and stated he had no good faith claim to the captioned wells. 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 White Tiger Production (Op. No. 916968).
- 2. White Tiger is the operator of record the Harris, T.B. -B- (07760) Lease, East Texas Field, Gregg County, Texas.
- 3. ETF Operating holds Operator No. 254898 and holds title to the leases covering the captioned tracts and wells.
- 4. On or about May 1, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge requested in writing that White Tiger either (1) provide evidence that it holds a good faith claim to a continuing right to operate the referenced properties or (2) request a hearing on the matter. 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. for the Harris, T.B. -B- (07760) Lease, East Texas Field, Gregg County, Texas, have been inactive and has no reported production for a period of over two years.
- 7. White Tiger failed to provide evidence that it holds a "good faith claim" to a continuing right to operate the referenced properties and also failed to timely request a hearing.
- 8. White Tiger does not hold a "good faith claim" to operate the referenced properties.
- 9. ETF now asserts a "good faith claim" to a continuous right to operate the referenced properties.
- 10. The Harris, T.B. -B- (07760) Lease, East Texas Field, Gregg County, Texas, should be transferred to ETF 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. White Tiger does not have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the subject leases and wells.
- 5. ETF Operating LLC does have a "good faith claim" to operate the subject leases and wells.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of ETF Operating LLC for transfer of the Form P-4 "Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority" for the Harris, T.B. -B- (07760) Lease, East Texas Field, Gregg 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.

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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 1st day of August 2017, in Austin, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(ORDER APPROVED AND SIGNATURES AFFIXED BY HEARINGS DIVISION UNPROTESTED MASTER ORDER DATED AUGUST 1, 2017)