



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 02-0305519

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**THE APPLICATION OF BURLINGTON RESOURCES O&G CO. LP. TO AMEND FIELD RULES FOR THE DE WITT (EAGLE FORD SHALE) FIELD, DE WITT, GONZALES, KARNES, AND LAVACA COUNTIES, TEXAS**

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**HEARD BY:** Richard Eyster, P.G. – Technical Examiner  
Clayton J. Hoover – Administrative Law Judge

**HEARING DATE:** August 8, 2017

**CONFERENCE DATE:** October 10 2017

**APPEARANCES:** **REPRESENTING:**

**APPLICANT:** Burlington Resources O&G Co. LP.

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### EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP (Burlington) seeks to amend field rules for the De Witt (Eagle Ford Shale) Field in De Witt, Gonzales, Karnes, and Lavaca Counties, Texas. Field rules for the De Witt (Eagle Ford Shale) Field were adopted on November 2, 2010 (Oil & Gas Docket No. 02-0267115) and were amended on August 12, 2014 (Consolidated Oil & Gas Docket Nos. 02-0287458 & 02-0287862) and on April 25, 2015 (Oil & Gas Docket No. 02-00296354). In this application, Burlington requests the following amendments to the field rules:

- Amend Rule 7(1)(c) to Read: All take points of a Stacked Lateral Well's horizontal drainholes shall be within a rectangular area, the width of which is SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) feet, and the length of which is 1.2 times the distance between the first and last take points of the longest horizontal drainhole of the stacked lateral well;

- Amend Rule 7(2)(a) to Read: All points, from the first take point to the last take point, of the Record Well for a Stacked Lateral Well shall be within the proration and drilling units if such units are designated for that well. All points from the first take point to the last take point of any other horizontal drainhole comprising the Stacked Lateral Well are not required to be within the proration and drilling units if such units are designated for the Record Well so long as they otherwise comply with the rules applicable to the field

Notice of the application was provided to all operators in the De Witt (Eagle Ford Shale) Field. The application is unopposed and the Technical Examiner and Administrative Law Judge (collectively, "Examiners") recommend approval of the application.

### **DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE**

The De Witt (Eagle Ford Shale) Field was discovered on May 22, 2009, in De Witt County, Texas, at a depth of 13,284 feet. The field is currently classified as an associated gas field; gas wells may produce at 100 percent absolute open flow.

The correlative interval for the field extends from a depth of 13,284 feet to 13,513 feet, for a total interval of 229 feet. Burlington asserts that stacked lateral wells are necessary for the efficient development of the field. The amended field rules will account for the changes in the stacked lateral language adopted in Statewide Rule §3.86 in February 2016. The rule changes will also align the field rules with other Eagle Ford fields.

Burlington agreed that, pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code §2001.144(a)(4)(A), this Final Order shall be effective on the date a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Notice of this hearing was provided to all operators in the field at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing and no protests were received.
2. The De Witt (Eagle Ford Shale) Field was discovered on May 22, 2009, in De Witt County, Texas, at a depth of 13,284 feet.
3. Stacked lateral wells are necessary for the efficient development of the field
4. The amended field rules will account for the changes in the stacked lateral language adopted in Statewide Rule §3.86 in February 2016.
5. The rule changes will also align the field rules with other Eagle Ford fields.

6. The changes will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
7. Provisions for stacked lateral wells will promote the efficient development of the field.
8. Burlington agreed, that, pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code §2001.144(a)(4)(A), this Final Order shall be effective on the date a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Proper notice was issued as required by all applicable statutes and regulatory codes.
2. All things have occurred and been accomplished to give the Commission jurisdiction in this matter.
3. Amending the field rules for the Carm-Ann (San Andres) Field will prevent waste.
4. Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and the consent of the applicants, this Final Order is effective when a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed on October 10, 2017.

**EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Examiners recommend that the Commission amend the field rules for the Carm-Ann (San Andres) Field, Gaines County, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,



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Technical Examiner



Clayton Hoover  
Administrative Law Judge