## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 8A-0306362 IN THE ODC, NE. (SAN ANDRES) FIELD, GAINES COUNTY, TEXAS

## FINAL ORDER AMENDING FIELD RULES FOR THE ODC, NE. (SAN ANDRES) FIELD, GAINES COUNTY, TEXAS

The Commission finds that after statutory notice of the application made by Ring Energy, Inc. (Operator No. 712382) in the above-numbered docket heard on November 1, 2017, the presiding Technical Examiner and Administrative Law Judge (collectively "Examiners") have made and filed a report and recommendation containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, for which service was not required; that the proposed application is in compliance with all statutory requirements; 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 Examiners' report and recommendation, the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, 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 field rules for the ODC, NE. (San Andres) Field (Field No. 66376 600) in Gaines County, Texas are hereby amended. The amended field rules are set out in their entirety as follows:

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 5,230 feet to 6,820 feet as shown on the log of the Devon Energy Corporation Willard RD B #2 (42-165-37206), Gaines County, Texas shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the ODC, NE. (San Andres) Field.

RULE 2: No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than THREE HUNDRED THIRTY (330) feet to any property line, lease line, or subdivision line. There is no minimum between well spacing limitation. The aforementioned distances in the above rule are minimum distances to allow an operator flexibility in locating a well, and the above spacing rule and the other rules to follow are for the purpose of permitting only one well to each drilling and proration unit. Provided however, that the Commission will grant exceptions to permit drilling within shorter distances and drilling more wells than herein prescribed whenever the Commission shall have determined that such exceptions are necessary either to prevent waste or to prevent the confiscation of property. When exception to these rules is desired, application therefor shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission

Statewide Rules 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rules are incorporated herein by reference.

In applying this rule, the general order of the Commission with relation to the subdivision of property shall be observed. Provided, however, that for purposes of spacing for horizontal drainhole wells, the following shall apply:

- a. No horizontal drainhole well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled such that the first and last take point are nearer than ONE HUNDRED (100) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line.
- b. For each horizontal well, the perpendicular distance from any take point on such horizontal drainhole between the first take point and last take point to any point or any property line, lease line or subdivision line shall be a minimum of THREE HUNDRED THIRTY (330) feet.

**RULE 3:** The acreage assigned to the individual oil well for the purpose of allocating allowable oil production thereto shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be FORTY (40) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than FORTY (40) acres except as hereinafter provided. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

If after the drilling of the last well on any lease and the assignment of acreage to each well thereon in accordance with the regulations of the Commission there remains an additional unassigned acreage of less than FORTY (40) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of TWENTY (20) acres may be assigned as tolerance acreage to the last well drilled on such lease or may be distributed among any group of wells located thereon, so long as the proration units resulting from the inclusion of such additional acreage meet the limitations prescribed by the Commission.

Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and by agreement of the Parties in writing or on the record, the parties have waived right to file a Motion for Rehearing and this Final Order is effective on the date the Master Order relating to the Final Order is signed.

Done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

## RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(Order approved and signatures affixed by Hearings Divisions' Unprotested Master Order dated December 5, 2017)