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# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS **HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 01-0305889

THE APPLICATION OF CARRIZO (EAGLE FORD) LLC FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 32 FOR VARIOUS LEASES, VARIOUS WELLS IN THE EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) FIELD, FRIO, LA SALLE, AND MCMULLEN **COUNTIES, TEXAS** 

**HEARD BY:** 

Karl Caldwell – Technical Examiner

Jennifer Cook - Administrative Law Judge

**HEARING DATE:** 

August 31, and November 17, 2017

RECORD CLOSED: **CONFERENCE DATE:** 

November 17, 2017 January 23, 2018

APPEARANCES:

REPRESENTING:

APPLICANT:

Carrizo (Eagle Ford) LLC

George Neale Rick Johnston Dan Petri

#### **EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Carrizo (Eagle Ford) LLC ("Carrizo") request Statewide Rule 32 exception renewals for various leases, various wells in the Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field, Frio. La Salle, and McMullen Counties, Texas. Notice of the application was provided to current operators in the field and no protests were received. The application is unprotested, and the Technical Examiner and Administrative Law Judge (collectively, "Examiners") recommend approval of Statewide Rule 32 exception renewals for various leases, various wells as requested by Carrizo.

#### **DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE**

Statewide Rule 32 governs the utilization for legal purposes of natural gas produced under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. Specifically, Statewide Rule 32(i) Opportunity for hearing states that an operator may request a hearing on any application for an exception, or exception renewal required by this section. On July 14, 2017, the Commission received a hearing request from Carrizo to extend its current Statewide Rule 32 exceptions for a total of 35 flare points which have previously received administrative flaring authority (Appendix A). The existing flaring authority for all 35 flare points is due to expire on August 6, 2017. For each application, Carrizo requests to extend the current Statewide Rule 32 exception for a period of two years, for the maximum daily volumes as listed in Appendix A.

Under normal conditions, all gas produced from these wells will be sold. At times, intermittent flaring may be necessary due to operational upset situations. System upset situations arise due to gas pipeline-related issues, including pipeline pressure constraints, and periods when the gas does not meet the pipeline specifications for H<sub>2</sub>S limits, CO<sub>2</sub> limits, or water dew point limits. Operational issues also periodically arise due to compressor downtime.

Carrizo 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 given to current operators in the subject field at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. There were no protests to the application.
- 2. On July 14, 2017, the Commission received a hearing request from Carrizo for an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for various wells.
- 3. Carrizo requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for a period of two years for a total of 35 flare points.
- 4. The existing flaring authority for all 35 flare points expires August 6, 2017.
- 5. Under normal circumstances Carrizo will be able to sell the gas. Due to system upsets, intermittent flaring may be necessary.
- 6. Authority to flare gas at times when the gas cannot be sold will allow Carrizo to continue to produce the wells.
- 7. Carrizo 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. 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. Title 16, Texas Administrative Code 3.32(h) (4) provides for an exception for more than 180 days and for volumes greater than 50 Mcf per day.
- 4. Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and the consent of the applicant, this Final Order is effective when a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed on January 23, 2018.

#### **EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Examiners recommend that the Commission grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 from August 7, 2017 to August 6, 2019 for the 35 flare points listed in Appendix A as requested by Carrizo.

Respectfully submitted,

Karl Caldwell

Technical Examiner

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Administrative Law Judge

## **APPENDIX A**

FLARE	<u>FLARE</u> <u>PERMIT</u>			COMMINGLE	LEASE	
<u>POINT</u> <u>#</u>		Wells / Pads	Escility Name		<u>LEASE</u>	MAX DAILY
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1	29456	Krawetz Ranch A Unit A 1H	KRAWETZ FACILITY		16068	100
2	29748	Wright Ranch A 1H	WRIGHT RANCH FACILITY		15655	600
		Wright Ranch A 2H			15655	
		Wright Ranch B 3H			15655	
		Wright Ranch B 4H			15655	
		Wright Ranch B 8H			15655	
		Wright Ranch C 5H			15655	
		Wright Ranch C 7H			15655	
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3	29809	Cobra 1H	COBRA 1 FACILITY		15782	500
		Cobra 5H			15782	
		Cobra 6H			15782	
		GRAN TORINO A 17H			16708	
4	29810	Cobra B 1H	COBRA B FACILITY		16349	500
5	29811	Mustang 12H	MUSTANG 1 FACILITY		16408	500
		Mustang 13H			16408	
		Mustang 14H			16408	
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	EMEST OF DELIVERS	Mustang 1H			16408	
6	29812	Mustang 2H	MUSTANG 2 FACILITY		16408	500
7	29813	Mustang 3H	MUSTANG 3 FACILITY		16408	500
8	29814	Corvette C 1H	CORVETTE C1 FACILITY		16641	500
9	29815	Gran Torino A 1H	GRAN TORINO A1 FACILITY	and and a second	16708	500
			GRAN TORINO A11		1.000	
10	29816	Gran Torino A 11H	FACILITY		16708	500
11	29817	Stingray A 1H	STING RAY 1 FACILITY		16983	500
		Stingray A 2H			16983	
		Stingray A 3H			16983	
		Stingray A 4H			16983	
12	29818	Stingray A 12H	STING RAY 8 FACILITY		16983	500
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13	29819	Corvette A 1H	CORVETTE A/C FACILITY		17018	500
		Corvette A 2H			17018	
		Corvette A 3H			17018	

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FLARE POINT # 13	FLARE PERMIT ID	Wells / Pads Corvette A 4H Corvette A 5H	Facility Name	COMMINGLE PERMIT	<u>LEASE</u> <u>ID</u> 17018 17018	MAX DAILY MCF FLARED
		Corvette A 6H			17018	
		Corvette C 2H			16641	
		Corvette C 3H			16641	
		Corvette C 4H			16641	
		Corvette C 5H			16641	
		Corvette C 6H			16641	
14	29820	Camaro B 3H	CAMARO B FACILITY		17099	500
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15	29821	Camaro A 1H	CAMARO A1 FACILITY		17323	500
		Camaro A 2H			17323	
		Camaro A 5H			17323	
		Camaro A 6H			17323	
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16	29822	Shelby C 1H	SHELBY C1 FACILITY		18426	500
		Shelby C 6H			18426	
17	29925	Cenizo Ranch A 1H	CENIZO RANCH FACILITY		15636	600
		Cenizo Ranch A 2H			15636	
		Cenizo Ranch B 3H			15636	
		Cenizo Ranch B 4H			15636	

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#	ID	Wells / Pads	<u>Facility Name</u>	PERMIT	<u>ID</u>	MCF FLARED
18	29926	RB Avant A 1H	RB AVANT FACILITY		15733	200
		RB Avant A 2H			15733	
		RB Avant B 3H			15733	
		RB Avant B 4H			15733	
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19	29927	Hardin A 2H	HARDIN FACILITY		15828	200
		Hardin B 3H			15828	
20	29928	Harper Ranch B 2H	HARPER FACILITY		15968	150
21	29929	Talbutt Trust A 1H	TALBUTT TRUST FACILITY	5704	15514	1000
		Talbutt Trust A 2H			15514	
		Talbutt Trust B 3H			15514	
		Talbutt Trust B 5H			15514	
		Talbutt Trust C 6H			17991	
		Talbutt Trust C 4H			17352	
22	29930	Bridwell 2H	BRIDWELL FACILITY	5556	15457	800
		Bridwell 3H			15457	
		Bridwell 4H			15457	
		Bridwell 5H			15457	
23	29931	Rathjen A 1H	RATHJEN FACILITY	5556	15801	1000
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FLARE POINT # 23	FLARE PERMIT ID	Wells / Pads Rathjen A 2H Rathjen A 3H Rathjen A 4H Rathjen B 1H Rathjen C 1H Rathjen C 2H	<u>Facility Name</u>	COMMINGLE PERMIT	LEASE ID 15801 15801 15801 15788 16548 16548	MAX DAILY MCF FLARED
24	29932	JLH LIC A 1H JLH LIC A 2H JLH LIC A UNIT 15H JLH LIC A UNIT 16H	JLH LIC A FACILITY	5556	15885 15885 15885 15885	500
25	29933	JLH LIC B Unit B 3H JLH LIC F Unit B 7H	JLH LIC B FACILITY	5556	16091 17007	400
26	29934	JLH LIC C UNIT C 4H JLH LIC E UNIT C 6H	JLH LIC C FACILITY	5556	16152 16975	300
27	29935	JLH LIC D Unit 11H  JLH LIC D Unit 12H  JLH LIC D Unit D 5H  JLH LIC D Unit D 9H  JLH LIC G Unit 13H  JLH LIC G Unit 14H  JLH LIC G Unit D 10H	JLH LIC D FACILITY	5556	16254 16254 16254 16254 16927 16927	750

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FLARE POINT # 27	FLARE PERMIT ID	Wells / Pads JLH LIC G Unit D 8H	Facility Name	COMMINGLE PERMIT	<u>LEASE</u> <u>ID</u> 16927	MAX DAILY MCF FLARED
28	29936	Garza A 1H Garza A 2H	GARZA A FACILITY	5556	16329 16329	300
29	29937 29937 29937	Smith A 1H Smith A 2H Smith A 4H	SMITH A FACILITY	5556	16388 16388 16388	350
30	29938 29938 29938	Smith B 1H Smith B 2H Smith B 3H	SMITH B FACILITY	5556	16389 16389 16389	450
31	29939 29939 29939 29939 29939	Liberatore C 1H Liberatore C 2H Liberatore B 1H Liberatore B 2H Liberatore B 3H	LIBERATORE B FACILITY	5556	16552 16552 16403 16403 16403	1000
32	29940	Liberatore A 1H	LIBERATORE A FACILITY	5556	16552	600
33	29941	Barger A 1H	BARGER FACILITY	5556	16648	350
34	29942	Garza B 1H	GARZA B FACILITY	5556	16824	450

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35	29943	Scott Schulze A 1H	SCHULZE FACILITY		16049	150
		Garza B 3H			16824	
34		Garza B 2H			16824	
<u>#</u>	<u>ID</u>	Wells / Pads	Facility Name	<u>PERMIT</u>	<u>ID</u>	MCF FLARED
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