

# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 01-0308837

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**APPLICATION OF EP ENERGY E&P COMPANY, L.P. FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 32 FOR THE HIXON EAST CENTRAL PRODUCTION FACILITY, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLEFORD-1) FIELD, LA SALLE COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**HEARD BY:** Robert Musick, P.G. – Technical Examiner  
Kristi M. Reeve – Administrative Law Judge

**HEARING DATE:** April 5, 2018

**CONFERENCE DATE:** June 19, 2018

**APPEARANCES:**

**REPRESENTING:**

**APPLICANT:**

Mark Hanna  
Matt Immel

EP Energy E&P Company, L.P.

### EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

EP Energy E&P Company, L.P. ("EP") seeks an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare casinghead gas in the Eagleville (Eagleford-1) Field, La Salle County, Texas to extend flaring authorization approved by Commission Final Order No. 01-0299473, expiring January 25, 2018. EP requested authorization to continue to flare casinghead gas from January 26, 2018 to January 26, 2020, at the Hixon East Central Production Facility ("CPF") flare point.

The application is unopposed, and the Technical Examiner and Administrative Law Judge (collectively "Examiners") recommend approval of the exception to Statewide Rule 32 for the Hixon East, CPF, well and flare point.

4. On January 9, 2018, the Commission received a request for hearing for a Statewide Rule 32 exception extension for the Hixon East CPF, Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field, La Salle County, Texas.
5. The Hearings Division issued a Notice of Hearing to the Service List on March 14, 2018. A public hearing was held on April 5, 2018 to continue flaring authority for the Hixon East flare point, requesting authority to flare a maximum of 5,000 MCFPD of casinghead gas for a period of 2 years from January 26, 2018 to January 26, 2020.
6. Testimony at the hearing indicate the Nixon East CPF well is connected to a sales lines. The well only require flaring during periods of routine maintenance, equipment malfunction, upset events and during sales lines unavailability.
7. EP agreed, that, pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code §2001.144(a)(4)(A), the Final Order in this case shall be final and effective on the date a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Resolution of the subject application is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 81.051.
2. All notice requirements have been satisfied. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.42.
3. The requested authority to flare casinghead gas satisfies the requirements of Statewide Rule 32. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.32 (h).
4. Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A), of the Texas Government Code, and the agreement of the applicant, the Final Order in this case is final and effective when a Master Order relating to the Final Order is signed.

**EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Examiners recommend that the Commission grant the exceptions to Statewide Rule 32 for the Hixon East flare point, as requested by EP Energy E&P Company, L.P

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Musick, P.G.  
Technical Examiner



Kristi M. Reeve  
Administrative Law Judge