# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

#### OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0309923

SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING OF MOYLAN, JIMMIE C. (OPERATOR NO. 592429) FOR THE SNEED (25907) LEASE, WELL NO. 1, MANGUM, NORTH (3200) FIELD, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM YELLOW ROSE OIL & GAS OPERATING INC. (OPERATOR NO. 946964) TO MOYLAN, JIMMIE C.

# FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the operator of the captioned lease did not respond, and the docket proceeded as a default. 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.

# FINDING OF FACT

- 1. At least twenty days' notice was given to Yellow Rose Oil & Gas Operating Inc. (Operator No. 946964), ("Yellow Rose"), and Moylan, Jimmie C. (Operator No. 592429), ("Moylan").
- 2. Yellow Rose is the operator of record for the Sneed (25907) Lease, Well No. 1, Mangum, North (3200) Field, Eastland County, Texas.
- 3. On or about March 7, 2018, Moylan submitted to the Commission a Form P-4 *Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority* requesting transfer of the Sneed (25907) Lease, Well No. 1, Mangum, North (3200) Field, Eastland County, Texas, from Yellow Rose to Moylan, as operator of record.
- 4. All Commission correspondence to Yellow Rose was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Yellow Rose's address of record, as set forth on Yellow Rose's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report.*
- 5. All Commission correspondence to Moylan was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Moylan's address of record, as set forth on Moylan's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report.*
- 6. On or about March 19, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge requested in writing that Yellow Rose either: (1) provide evidence that it holds a good faith claim to a continuing right to operate the referenced property; or (2) request a hearing on the matter on or before April 18, 2018. 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.
- 7. Yellow Rose's Form P-5 is delinquent. Yellow Rose had a \$50,000.00 bond as its financial assurance at the time of the last Form P-5 annual renewal submission.

- 8. Moylan's Form P-5 is active. Moylan has a \$50,000.00 letter of credit as its financial assurance.
- 9. 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."
- 10. No production has been reported on the subject lease since March 2016.
- 11. Yellow Rose failed to reply to the Administrative Law Judge's letter dated March 19, 2018, with any documents that it holds a "good faith claim" to a continuing right to operate the subject lease and failed to timely request a hearing.
- 12. Yellow Rose does not have a "good faith claim" to operate the subject lease.
- 13. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.056 and 2001.062(e), Yellow Rose and Moylan have waived the opportunity to request a hearing on the matter.
- 14. Moylan now asserts a "good faith claim" to a continuous right to operate the subject lease.
- 15. The Sneed (25907) Lease, Well No. 1, Mangum, North (3200) Field, Eastland County, Texas, should be transferred to Moylan 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 has occurred.
- 3. Resolution of this docket is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Commission. TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 81.051.
- 4. Yellow Rose does not have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the Sneed (25907) Lease, Well No. 1, Mangum, North (3200) Field, Eastland County, Texas.
- 5. Moylan does have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the Sneed (25907) Lease, Well No. 1, Mangum, North (3200) Field, Eastland County, Texas.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the application of Moylan, Jimmie C. for transfer of the Form P-4 "Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority" is hereby **APPROVED**, subject to the provisions of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §§ 91.1041, 91.1042, 91.107, 91.114, 91.142 and TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15, 3.58, and 3.78. If after 90 days after the order becomes final, Moylan, Jimmie C. has not met the requirements of the listed provisions, this Order shall be **VOID** and the subject Form P-4 shall be marked as *Unable to Process* and archived.

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 action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law is hereby extended until 100 days from the date Commission Order is signed.

All pending motions and requests for relief not previously or herein granted are denied.

Done this 21st day of August 2018, Austin, Texas.

Railroad Commission of Texas (Order approved and signatures affixed by Hearings Division Unprotested Master Order dated August 21, 2018)