

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 09-0311521**

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**SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING OF MID TEXAS NATURAL GAS (OPERATOR NO. 564606) FOR THE REGAL GOD'S BLESSING (GAS ID NO. 254763), LEASE, WELL NO. 1 H, NEWARK, EAST (BARNETT SHALE) FIELD, JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM REGAL ENERGY OPERATING, L.L.C. (OPERATOR NO. 698690) TO MID TEXAS NATURAL GAS**

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**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 Regal Energy Operating, L.L.C. (Operator No. 698690), ("Regal Energy"), and Mid Texas Natural Gas (Operator No. 564606), ("Mid Texas").
2. Regal Energy is the operator of record for the Regal God's Blessing (Gas ID No. 254763) Lease, Well No. 1 H, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Johnson County, Texas.
3. On or about May 1, 2018, Mid Texas submitted to the Commission a Form P-4 *Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority* requesting transfer of the Regal God's Blessing (Gas ID No. 254763) Lease, Well No. 1 H, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Johnson County, Texas, from Regal Energy to Mid Texas, as operator of record.
4. All Commission correspondence to Regal Energy was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Regal Energy's address of record, as set forth on Regal Energy's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report*.
5. All Commission correspondence to Mid Texas was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Mid Texas's address of record, as set forth on Mid Texas's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report*.
6. On or about May 21, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge requested in writing that Regal Energy 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 June 20, 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. Regal Energy's Form P-5 is delinquent.
  8. Mid Texas's Form P-5 is active. Mid Texas has a \$25,000.00 bond 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 May 2014.
  11. Regal Energy failed to reply to the Administrative Law Judge's letter dated May 21, 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. Regal Energy 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), Regal Energy and Mid Texas have waived the opportunity to request a hearing on the matter.
  14. Mid Texas now asserts a "good faith claim" to a continuous right to operate the subject lease.
  15. The Regal God's Blessing (Gas ID No. 254763) Lease, Well No. 1 H, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Johnson County, Texas, should be transferred to Mid Texas 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. Regal Energy does not have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the Regal God's Blessing (Gas ID No. 254763) Lease, Well No. 1 H, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Johnson County, Texas.
5. Mid Texas does have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the Regal God's Blessing (Gas ID No. 254763) Lease, Well No. 1 H, Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Johnson County, Texas.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the application of Mid Texas Natural Gas 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, Mid Texas Natural Gas 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. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.146(e), the time allotted for 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)**