

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0319549

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF VOTAW PRODUCTION COMPANY LLC

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that after notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding the captioned matter, the Operator failed to request a hearing and pay the hearing fee as required by 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §89.022(f). This matter 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 fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Votaw Production Company LLC [Operator #887576] (the "Operator"), is the record operator or one or more inactive wells in the State of Texas and is required to file Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission. Operator's most recent P-5 was due on or before November 1, 2016.
2. After filing its most recent Organization Report (Form P-5) with the Commission, the Operator was notified they were deficient and had failed to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells) and provided with a written statement of the reasons for the determination and allowed ninety (90) days from the date its P-5 was due to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 3.15 and TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §§89.021 - 89.030.
3. After the expiration of ninety (90) days and pursuant to 16 TEX. ADMIN CODE §3.15(g)(4), an authorized Commission employee determined that the Operator's Organization Report still could not be renewed because the Operator continued to fail to comply with the requirements of 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15 (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).
4. The Commission sent the Operator a letter by certified mail giving notice to the Operator of the determination of continued non-compliance regarding specified inactive wells, attached as Exhibit A to this order, and advising the Operator of the right to request a hearing to show compliance. The letter notified the Operator that the hearing request must be received in docket services no later than 30 days after the date of the letter. The letter also notified the Operator that a final order denying renewal of the Operator's

Organization Report (Form P-5) would result in the cancellation of all P-4 Certificates of Compliance and the severance of all pipeline or other carrier connections.

5. All notices and letters from the Commission to the Operator on this matter were addressed and mailed to the Operator's most recently reported address on the Form P-5 Organization Report.

6. The Operator did not timely request a hearing and pay the hearing fee on these issues as required under 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15(g)(4) (Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells).

7. Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) is a Commission rule that relates to safety or the prevention or control of pollution.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Operator received proper notice and an opportunity for hearing regarding compliance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.

2. All things necessary to the Commission attaining jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties in this matter have been performed or have occurred.

3. The Operator is in violation of Commission Statewide Rule 15 and did not timely request a hearing to contest the determination that it was in violation.

4. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report should not be renewed and all of the Operator's P-4 Certificates of Compliance should be cancelled, with all related pipeline or other carrier connections severed. 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 (g)(4) and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.022(f), 91.704 - 91.706.

5. The Operator's P-5 Organization Report cannot be renewed until the operator brings the inactive wells shown on the attached Exhibit A into compliance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.15 and Tex. Nat. Res. Code §§89.021 - 89.030.

IT IS ORDERED that renewal of Votaw Production Company LLC's P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

It is further ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to Votaw Production Company LLC as operator of record are hereby **CANCELLED** and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby **SEVERED**.

It is further ORDERED that Votaw Production Company LLC shall bring the wells on Exhibit A into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until the wells on Exhibit A have been brought into compliance as required by this order.

It is further ORDERED that Votaw Production Company LLC and each person who held a position of ownership or control in the Operator at the time the Operator's most-recent P-5 Organization Report was filed shall be subject to the terms of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §91.114.

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 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 the Commission Order is signed.

All requested Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which are not expressly adopted herein are **DENIED**. All pending motions and request for relief not previously granted or granted herein are **DENIED**.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

(Signatures affixed by Rule 15 Inactive
Well Master Order dated May 7, 2019.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
199 00771 No approved W-3X on file	03	05435	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B-	2K
199 00772 No approved W-3X on file	03	05762	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	4
199 00775 No approved W-3X on file	03	05762	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	7
199 00776 No approved W-3X on file	03	05435	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B-	8
199 00913 Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file	03	03686	GULF-HOPKINS FEE TRACT 24	1
199 00914 No approved W-3X on file	03	03685	GULF-HOPKINS FEE TRACT 23	2
199 00915 Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval	03	03685	GULF-HOPKINS FEE TRACT 23	2301
199 01685 No approved W-3X on file	03	06076	SUN FEE	1
239 01430 No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval	02	054940	LOVETT EST.	3
239 01431 No approved W-3X on file	02	054941	LOVETT EST.	4
239 01443 No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval	02	04126	LOVETT ESTATE	1 U
239 01443 No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval	02	001583	LOVETT ESTATE	1
239 31785 No approved W-3X on file	02	114616	BEAMON, R. E. ET AL	1
239 80469 No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval	02	00440	LOVETT ESTATE	1
239 80471 No approved W-3X on file Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval	02	00441	TRULL, B. W., -A-	1
239 80739 No approved W-3X on file	02	03211	MAURITZ	1

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Exhibit A

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
291 02569	03	06239	DOUGLASS, WEISS	2
No approved W-3X on file				
291 02573	03	06239	DOUGLASS, WEISS	6
Surface equipment must be removed (certify on Form W-3C)				
No approved W-3X on file				
Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval				
291 02629	03	01157	JETT, JOHN A.	1
No approved W-3X on file				
291 03211	03	06005	ALEXANDER, K. J.	1
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C)				
No approved W-3X on file				
Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval				
291 03353	03	06005	ALEXANDER, K. J.	2
No approved W-3X on file				
291 03676	03	02710	GULF-DEUSSEN FEE -A-	1
No approved W-3X on file				
291 03678	03	02710	GULF-DEUSSEN FEE -A-	3
No approved W-3X on file				
291 30116	03	06239	DOUGLASS, WEISS	2A
No approved W-3X on file				
Must resolve Field Operations H-15 delinquency preventing 14B2 approval				
291 30117	03	06239	DOUGLASS, WEISS	1A
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C)				
No approved W-3X on file				
291 81620	03	06239	DOUGLASS, WEISS	3
No approved W-3X on file				
373 00625	03	05435	KIRBY-STEPHENSEN -B-	9
No approved W-3X on file				
373 00626	03	05762	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	3
No approved W-3X on file				
373 03245	03	07785	KIRBY-STEPHENSON -B-	10
No approved W-3X on file				
457 00166	03	11186	SWEARINGEN	1
No approved W-3X on file				
457 00168	03	02180	YOUNG	3
No approved W-3X on file				
457 80118	03	14954	CHARLES KIEKE	2 D
Must resolve UIC H-5 Test issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
481 34186	03	281605	WILSON FAMILY TRUST	1R
No approved W-3X on file				

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