

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-0321295**

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**SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING BY STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC (OPERATOR NO. 822615) FOR THE SMITH KING W. A (GAS ID NO. 059669), LEASE, WELL NO. 1, STEPHENS COUNTY REGULAR (GAS) FIELD, STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM FRONTIER RESOURCES, INC. (OPERATOR NO. 287200) TO STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC**

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**SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING BY STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC (OPERATOR NO. 822615) FOR THE SMITH, WILLIAM KING (12218) LEASE, WELL NO. 1, BLACKBURN (BEND CONGL. 3900) FIELD, STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM FRONTIER RESOURCES, INC. (OPERATOR NO. 287200) TO STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC**

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**SINGLE SIGNATURE P-4 FILING BY STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC (OPERATOR NO. 822615) FOR THE SMITH, OLLIE -B- (12058) LEASE, WELL NO. 1, BLACKBURN (BEND CONGL. 3900) FIELD, STEPHENS COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CHANGE THE OPERATOR FROM FRONTIER RESOURCES, INC. (OPERATOR NO. 287200) TO STOBER OIL AND GAS SERVICES, LLC**

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**FINAL ORDER**

The Commission finds that after notice and opportunity for hearing, the operator of the captioned leases did not respond, and the dockets 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.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At least twenty days' notice was given to Frontier Resources, Inc. (Operator No. 287200), ("Frontier"), and Stober Oil and Gas Services, LLC (Operator No. 822615), ("Stober").
2. Frontier is the operator of record for the above-referenced leases in the Stephens County Regular (Gas) Field, and Blackburn (Bend Congl. 3900) Field in Stephens County, Texas.
3. On or about June 27, 2019, Stober submitted to the Commission a Form P-4 *Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority* requesting transfer of each of the subject leases, from Frontier to Stober, as operator of record.
4. All Commission correspondence to Frontier was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Frontier's address of record, as set forth on Frontier's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report*.
5. All Commission correspondence to Stober was sent via United States Postal Service first-class mail to Stober's address of record, as set forth on Stober's most recent Form P-5 *Organization Report*.
6. On or about July 19, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge requested in writing that Frontier 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 August 20, 2019. 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. Frontier's Form P-5 is delinquent. Frontier had a \$0,000.00 Exempt as its financial assurance at the time of the last Form P-5 annual renewal submission.
8. Stober's Form P-5 is active. Stober has a \$50,000.00 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 leases since April 2015.
11. Frontier failed to reply to the Administrative Law Judge's letter dated July 19, 2019, with any documents that it holds a "good faith claim" to a continuing right to operate the subject leases and failed to timely request a hearing.
12. Frontier does not have a "good faith claim" to operate the subject leases.
13. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.056 and 2001.062(e), Frontier and Stober have waived the opportunity to request a hearing on the matter.
14. Stober now asserts a "good faith claim" to a continuous right to operate the subject leases.
15. The subject leases should be transferred to Stober 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. Frontier does not have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the subject leases.
5. Stober does have a "good faith claim" to continue to operate the subject leases.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the application of Stober Oil and Gas Services, LLC for transfer of the Form P-4 *Certificate of Compliance and Transportation Authority* is hereby **APPROVED** as to each of the above-referenced dockets, 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, Stober Oil and Gas Services, LLC has not met the requirements of the listed provisions, this Order shall be **VOID** and each 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 11th day of September 2019, Austin, Texas.

**Railroad Commission of Texas (Order approved and signatures affixed by Hearings Division Unprotected Master Order dated September 11, 2019)**