

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 20-0326538

IN RE: P-5 ORGANIZATION REPORT OF TREE OPERATING, 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. Tree Operating, LLC [Operator #867559] (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, 2019.
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 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 Tree Operating, LLC's P-5 Organization Report is hereby **DENIED**.

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

It is further ORDERED that Tree Operating, 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 Tree Operating, 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 20, 2020.)

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
077 34885	09	30384	SEIGLER	2
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file				
221 31141	09	227014	TRIAD-COOPER	1H
No approved W-3X on file				
221 31556	09	253325	TRIAD-COOPER	2H
No approved W-3X on file				
237 31563	09	072298	LONG, R. W. ET AL	1
No approved W-3X on file				
237 31974	09	142287	LONG, R. ET AL	2
No approved W-3X on file				
237 32146	09	169443	LONG, ROY ET AL	3
Electricity must be disconnected (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file				
237 33619	09	201411	LONG, W. O.	2
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31152	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	605
No approved W-3X on file Must resolve UIC H-5 Test issue preventing 14(B)(2) approval				
275 31222	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	1101
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31233	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	1001
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31242	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	708
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31356	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	1002
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31375	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	204
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31469	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	106
No approved W-3X on file				
275 31833	09	25860	FANT RANCH UNIT	709
No approved W-3X on file				
367 31447	7B	082702	NASH	1
Production fluids must be purged (certify on Form W-3C) No approved W-3X on file				
367 31459	7B	083617	CARTWRIGHT	1
No approved W-3X on file				

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Exhibit A

API Number	District	ID Number	Lease Name	Well Number
367 31871 No approved W-3X on file	7B	088908	BENNETT	1 T
367 31871 No approved W-3X on file	7B	088976	BENNETT	1 C
367 33809 No approved W-3X on file	09	215325	NASH-TRIAD UNIT	1
367 33810 No approved W-3X on file	09	215326	NASH-TRIAD UNIT	2
367 34146 No approved W-3X on file	09	226936	TRIAD-HENDRIX UNIT	1H
497 30530 No approved W-3X on file	09	18765	MEEKS "2 A"	2 A

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