

**THE APPLICATION OF EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION TO BALANCE THE OVERTON
(HAYNESVILLE) FIELD, SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS**

Heard by: Donna K. Chandler, Technical Examiner

Hearing Date: October 18, 2007

Appearances:

Representing:

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Exxon Mobil Corporation

EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Exxon Mobil Corporation requests that the Overton (Haynesville) Field be balanced. This application was unopposed and the examiner recommends approval.

DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE

The Overton (Haynesville) Field was discovered in 1974 at a depth of approximately 13,161 feet. The field is a non-associated prorated gas field which operates under rules providing for 1,320'-2,640' well spacing, 640 acre density and allocation based on 100% acreage. The field has been balanced three times since 1998, the last in September 2006.

There are five operators in the field with 21 wells on the October 2007 proration schedule. There are 17 active producing wells, 14 of which are operated by Exxon Mobil. Exxon has two overproduced wells and two underproduced wells.

Since the last field balancing, small forecast correction adjustments have been made in the field, resulting in allowable ranging from 108 MMCF per month to 150 MMCF per month. For Exxon's Overton GU 6 No. 1, one of the best wells in the field, the allowable has fluctuated significantly from 13,767 MCF in February 2007 up to 24,397 in both October and December 2007. As of September 1, this well is 24,505 MCF overproduced.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Notice was issued to all affected persons at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The hearing was unopposed.
2. The Overton (Haynesville) Field is a non-associated gas field which has 21 active producing wells. Exxon Mobil operates 14 of the active wells in the field.
3. The field has been balanced three times since 1998, the last in September 2006.
4. As a result of relatively small forecast correction adjustments, allowable in the field have fluctuated significantly. Exxon has two overproduced wells and two underproduced wells.
5. Balancing the field will not harm correlative rights because no one appeared at the hearing in protest of the application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Proper notice was timely issued to all persons legally entitled to notice.
2. All things have been accomplished to give the Commission jurisdiction in this matter.
3. Balancing the Overton (Haynesville) Field will not harm correlative rights and will not cause waste.

EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above findings and conclusions of law, the examiner recommends that the Overton (Haynesville) Field be balanced.

Respectfully submitted,

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