

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 03-0265977

IN THE MAPLE SLOUGH (UPPER  
WILCOX CONS) FIELD, HARDIN  
COUNTY, TEXAS

FINAL ORDER  
CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS FIELDS INTO A NEW FIELD  
AND ADOPTING FIELD RULES  
FOR THE MAPLE SLOUGH (UPPER WILCOX CONS) FIELD  
HARDIN COUNTY, TEXAS

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on June 23, 1010, the presiding examiner has made and filed a report and recommendation containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, for which service was not required; that the proposed application is in compliance with all statutory requirements; and that this proceeding was duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas.

The Commission, after review and due consideration of the examiner's report and recommendation, the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and incorporates said findings of fact and conclusions of law as if fully set out and separately stated herein.

Therefore, it is ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the following fields are consolidated into a new field called the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons) Field, ID No. 57299 757, Hardin County, Texas:

Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox) Field	57299 755
Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox, Oil) Field	57299 760
Maple Slough (Wilcox 10000) Field	57299 825
Maple Slough (Wilcox, Upper) Field	57299 775

It is further ordered that the following rules are adopted for the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons), Hardin County, Texas:

**RULE 1:** The entire combined correlative interval from 9,552 feet to 10,700 feet as shown on the log of the B. P. Ricker Well No. 1, API No. 42-199-33216), H & TC RR Co./W. H. Ricker Survey, A-557, Hardin County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons) Field.

**RULE 2:** No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (467) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY

(1,320) feet to any applied for, permitted or completed well in the same reservoir on the same lease, pooled unit or unitized tract. The aforementioned distances in the above rule are minimum distances to allow an operator flexibility in locating a well; and the above spacing rule and the other rules to follow are for the purpose of permitting only one well to each drilling and proration unit. Provided however, that the Commission will grant exceptions to permit drilling within shorter distances and drilling more wells than herein prescribed, whenever the Commission shall have determined that such exceptions are necessary either to prevent waste or to prevent the confiscation of property. When exception to these rules is desired, application therefor shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rules 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rules are incorporated herein by reference.

In applying this rule, the general order of the Commission with relation to the subdivision of property shall be observed.

**RULE 3a:** The acreage assigned to the individual oil well for the purpose of allocating allowable oil production thereto shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres except as hereinafter provided. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (6,500) feet removed from each other; provided however, that in the case of long and narrow leases or in cases where because of the shape of the lease such is necessary to permit the utilization of tolerance acreage, the Commission may after proper showing grant exceptions to the limitations as to the shape of proration units as herein contained. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

If after the drilling of the last well on any lease and the assignment of acreage to each well thereon in accordance with the regulations of the Commission there remains an additional unassigned acreage of less than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of FORTY (40) acres may be assigned as tolerance acreage to the last well drilled on such lease or may be distributed among any group of wells located thereon, so long as the proration units resulting from the inclusion of such additional acreage meet the limitations prescribed by the Commission.

**RULE 3b:** The acreage assigned to the individual gas well for the purpose of allocating allowable gas production thereto shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres; provided that, tolerance acreage of ten (10) percent shall be allowed for each standard proration unit so that an amount not to exceed a maximum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO (352) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (6,500) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres shall be a fractional proration unit. All proration units shall consist

of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of gas. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

For all wells, operators shall file with the Commission certified plats of their properties in said field, which plats shall set out distinctly all of those things pertinent to the determination of the acreage credit claimed for each well; provided that if the acreage assigned to any proration unit has been pooled, the operator shall furnish the Commission with such proof as it may require as evidence that interests in and under such proration unit have been so pooled.

**RULE 4a:** The daily allowable production of gas from individual wells completed in the subject field shall be determined by allocating the allowable production, after deductions have been made for wells which are incapable of producing their gas allowables, among the individual wells in the following manner:

NINETY FIVE percent (95%) of the total field allowable shall be allocated among the individual wells in the proportion that the acreage assigned such well for allowable purposes bears to the summation of the acreage with respect to all proratable wells producing from this field.

FIVE percent (5%) of the total field allowable shall be allocated among the individual wells in the proportion that the deliverability of such well, as evidenced by the most recent G-10 test filed with the Railroad Commission bears to the summation of the deliverability of all proratable wells producing from this field.

**RULE 4b:** The field is classified as salvage with no restriction on oil or casinghead gas.

It is further ordered that the allocation formula in the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons) Field is suspended. The allocation formula may be reinstated administratively if the market demand for gas in the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons) Field drops below 100% of deliverability. If the market demand for gas in the Maple Slough (Upper Wilcox Cons) Field drops below 100% of deliverability while the allocation formula is suspended, the operator shall immediately notify the Commission and the allocation formula shall be immediately reinstated.

Done this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by OGC  
Unprotested Master Order dated July 6, 1010)**