

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 03-0247508**

**IN THE NEWTON FIELD, NEWTON  
COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
ADDING A NEW RULE 2 AND RENUMBERING RULES  
ADOPTED IN FINAL ORDER NO. 03-0222493  
ISSUED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 1999  
FOR THE NEWTON FIELD  
NEWTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on May 25, 2006, 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, and 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 that the following Rule 2 be added to the field rules adopted in Final Order No. 03-0222493, issued effective October 5, 1999, for the Newton Field, Newton County, Texas.

**RULE 2:** No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than **THREE HUNDRED THIRTY (330)** feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than **SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660)** feet 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 is for the purpose of permitting only one well to each drilling unit. Provided however, that the Commission will grant exceptions to permit drilling within shorter distances 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 this rule 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. The drilling unit will remain 40 acres.

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

It is further ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas that Rule 2 of the field rules adopted in Final Order No. 03-0222493, issued effective October 5, 1999, for the Newton Field, Newton County, Texas be and it is renumbered as Rule 3.

Done this twentieth day of June, 2006.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
(Order approved and signatures affixed by OGC  
Unprotested Master Order dated June 20th, 2006.)**