

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 04-0228000**

**IN THE ELLEN (VICKSBURG) FIELD,
BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
AMENDING FIELD RULES
FOR THE ELLEN (VICKSBURG) FIELD
BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on April 30, 2001, 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 Rule 2 of the field rules adopted in Final Order No. 04-0227482, issued effective March 20, 2001, for the Ellen (Vicksburg) Field, Brooks County, Texas is amended as hereafter set out.

RULE 2: No gas well shall hereafter be drilled nearer than SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) 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 therefore shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rule 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.

Effective this 22nd day of May, 2001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

CHAIRMAN MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS

COMMISSIONER CHARLES R. MATTHEWS

ATTEST:

COMMISSIONER TONY GARZA

Secretary