

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 05-0255753**

**IN THE THOMAS LAKE (COTTON
VALLEY) FIELD, HENDERSON COUNTY,
TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
AMENDING FIELD RULES FOR THE
THOMAS LAKE (COTTON VALLEY) FIELD
HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on March 28, 2008, 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 field rules for the Thomas Lake (Cotton Valley) Field, adopted in Final Order No.5-76,982, effective November 23, 1981 are renumbered and amended as hereafter set out:

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval from 9,660 feet to 12,070 feet as set forth in the Induction/Density/Neutron log for the Decker Operating Co., LLC - Lee Heirs Lease Well No. 1 (API No. 42-213-30941), T. Howith Survey, A-326, Henderson County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Thomas Lake (Cotton Valley) Field.

RULE 2: No gas well 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 TWELVE 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 are the minimum distances to allow an operator flexibility in locating a well. 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 Rule 37, which applicable provisions of said rule is incorporated

herein by reference.

In applying this rule, the general order of the Commission with relation to the subdivision of property shall be observed. Notwithstanding the above, there shall be no minimum requirement for between well spacing between horizontal and vertical wells.

RULE 3: The acreage assigned to an individual gas well shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be SIX HUNDRED FORTY (640) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than SIX HUNDRED FORTY (640) 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 SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR (704) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of ELEVEN THOUSAND (11,000) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than SIX HUNDRED FORTY (640) 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.

An operator, at his option, shall be permitted to form optional drilling and proration units of FORTY (40) acres. A proportional acreage allowable credit will be given for a well on a fractional proration unit. The two farthestmost points of a FORTY (40) acre fractional proration unit shall not be greater than TWENTY ONE HUNDRED (2,100) feet removed from each other.

For the determination of acreage credit in this field, operators shall file for each well in this field a Form P-15 Statement of Productivity of Acreage Assigned to Proration Units. On that form or an attachment thereto, the operator shall list the number of acres that are being assigned to each well on the lease or unit for proration purposes. When the allocation formula in this field is suspended, operators in this field shall not be required to file plats with the Form P-15. When the allocation formula is in effect in this field, operators shall be required to file, along with the Form P-15, individual proration unit plats showing the acreage assigned to each well. Provided further, that if the acreage assigned to any well 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.

Notwithstanding the above, operators shall be required to file an as-drilled plat showing the path, penetration point and terminus of all drainholes in horizontal wells.

RULE 4: The daily allowable production of gas from individual wells completed in a non-associated gas reservoir of 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:

TWENTY FIVE percent (25%) 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 prorable wells producing from this field.

SEVENTY FIVE percent (75%) 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 prorable wells producing from this field.

The allocation formula in the Thomas Lake (Cotton Valley) Field will remain suspended. The allocation formula may be reinstated administratively, in accordance with the Commission's rules, if the market demand for gas in the Thomas Lake (Cotton Valley) Field drops below 100% of deliverability.

Done this 24th day of April, 2008.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated April
24, 2008)**