

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 06-0251010**

**IN THE DARCO, S.E. (COTTON
VALLEY) FIELD, HARRISON
COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
AMENDING RULES NO. 2 AND 3 OF THE FIELD RULES
AS ADOPTED IN FINAL ORDER NO. 6-73,864
ISSUED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 1970, AS AMENDED,
FOR THE DARCO, S.E. (COTTON VALLEY) FIELD,
HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on April 19, 2007, 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.

It is ordered that the following Rules No.2 and 3 of the field rules adopted in Final Order No. 6-73,864, issued effective October 15, 1979, as amended, for the Darco, S.E. (Cotton Valley) Field, Harrison County, Texas be and are amended as hereafter set out.

RULE 2: No well for gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN (467) feet to any property line, lease line, or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE (933) 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. Notwithstanding the above, there shall be no minimum between well spacing requirement between vertical wells and horizontal drainhole wells on the same lease or pooled unit.

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

RULE 3: 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 SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY (640) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than SIX HUNDRED AND 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 AND 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 AND 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 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 TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (2100) feet removed from each other.

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.

It is further ordered by the Railroad Commission of Texas the administrative suspension of the allocation formula in the Darco, S.E. (Cotton Valley) Field be continued.

Done this 15th day of May, 2007.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by OGC
Unprotested Master Order dated May 15, 2007)**