

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION**

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 8A-0284836**

**IN THE ROPES, E. (CLEAR FORK)
FIELD, HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
AMENDING AND RENUMBERING FIELD RULES FOR THE
ROPES, E. (CLEAR FORK) FIELD,
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on October 28, 2013, the presiding examiners have 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 examiners' 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 Field Rule No. 4 adopted in Special Order No. 8A-56,206, effective March 26, 1966, as amended, for the Ropes, E (Clear Fork) Field, Hockley County, Texas, is hereby **RESCINDED**.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the Field Rules adopted in Special Order No. 8A-56,206, effective March 26, 1966, as amended, for the Ropes, E (Clear Fork) Field, Hockley County, Texas, are amended and renumbered as hereafter set out in their entirety:

RULE 1: The entire combined correlative interval from 5,594 feet to 6,263 feet as shown on the Halliburton-Composite Log of the PPC Operating, Ropes, E, (Clear Fork) Unit, Well No. 107, (API No. 219-37270), Labor #22, League 3, Jones C.S.L. Survey, Hockley County, be designated as the Ropes, E. (Clear Fork) Field for proration purposes.

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. There is no minimum between well spacing. 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 Rules 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rules are incorporated herein by reference.

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 in the field.

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 oil well shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be FORTY (40) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than FORTY (40) acres except as hereinafter provided. 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 FORTY (40) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of TWENTY (20) 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.

For the determination of acreage credit in this field, operators shall file for each oil or gas 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. For oil or gas wells, operators shall be required to file, along with the Form P-15, a plat of the lease, unit or property; provided that such plat shall not be required to show individual proration units. Operators may, however, file such proration unit plats for individual wells in the field if they so choose. There is no maximum diagonal limitation in this field.

RULE 4: The daily total field oil allowable, as fixed by the Commission after deductions have been made for marginal wells, high gas-oil ratio wells and wells which are incapable of producing their allowables as determined hereby, shall be distributed among the wells producing in the field capable of making their allowables in that proportion that the acreage assigned to each well bears to the sum of the acreage assigned to all of the wells in the field.

Done this 18th day of December, 2013.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures
affixed by Hearings Divisions'
Unprotected Master Order dated
December 18, 2013)**