

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET No. 20-0297302

THE APPLICATION OF HIGH PLAINS GAS SYSTEMS, INC. FOR UNRESTRICTED RENEWAL OF ITS P-5 AND TO CONTEST THE STAFF DETERMINATION THAT THE P-5 CANNOT BE RENEWED DUE TO NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE INACTIVE WELL REQUIREMENTS OF STATEWIDE RULE 15

FINAL ORDER

The Commission finds that, after statutory notice, the captioned proceeding was heard by the Examiners on October 7, 2015. The Administrative Law Judge and Examiner have circulated a Proposal for Decision containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Having been duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas, those Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are hereby adopted and made a part hereof by reference.

IT IS ORDERED that the application for renewal of the P-5 Organization Report for High Plains Gas Systems, Inc., Operator No. 385551, is hereby **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all P-4 Certificates of Compliance issued to High Plains Gas Systems, Inc. as operator of record are hereby **CANCELLED** and all related pipeline or other carrier connections are hereby **SEVERED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that High Plains Gas Systems, Inc. shall bring the subject wells into compliance with Statewide Rule 15 (16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §3.15) and that the Operator's P-5 Organization Report shall not be renewed until such wells have been brought into compliance in accordance with this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that High Plains Gas Systems, Inc. and each person who holds a position of ownership or control in High Plains Gas Systems, Inc. are hereby rendered subject to the terms of TEX. NAT. RES. CODE §91.114.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 25 days after the Commission's order is signed, unless the time for filing a motion for rehearing has been extended under TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.142, by

agreement under TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.147, or by written Commission Order issued pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.146(e). If a timely motion for rehearing of an application is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §2001.146(e), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law is hereby extended until 90 days from the date Commission Order is signed.

Each exception to the Administrative Law Judge's proposal for decision not expressly granted herein is overruled. All requested findings of fact and conclusions of law which are not expressly adopted herein are denied. All pending motions and requests for relief not previously granted or granted herein are denied.

Done this 7th day of June, 2016, in Austin, Texas.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS



CHAIRMAN DAVID PORTER



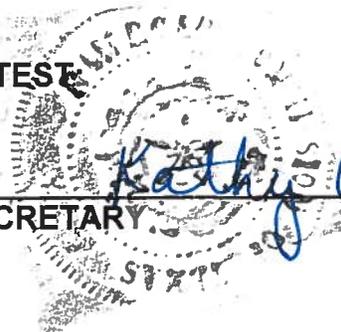
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