

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 09-0266635**

**IN THE BIG MINERAL CREEK (UV SAND  
UNIT) FIELD, GRAYSON COUNTY,  
TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
APPROVING NEW FIELD DESIGNATION  
AND TEMPORARY FIELD RULES  
FOR THE BIG MINERAL CREEK (UV SAND UNIT) FIELD  
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on August 13, 2010, 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 application of Blackwell BMC, LLC for new field designation is hereby approved. The new field shall be known as the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand Unit) Field, ID No. 07988 830, Grayson County, Texas.

It is further ordered that the following temporary field rules shall be adopted for the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand Unit) Field, Grayson County, Texas:

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 6,178 feet to 6,691 feet as shown on the log of the T. D. Green Well No. 11, API No. 181-01820, E. C. Smithson Survey, A-1082, Grayson County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand Unit) Field.

**RULE 2:** No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than THREE HUNDRED (300) 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.

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 for the purpose of allocating allowable oil production thereto 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. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (2,100) feet removed from each other; provided however, that in the case of long and narrow leases or in cases where because of the shape of the lease such is necessary to permit the utilization of tolerance acreage the Commission may after proper showing grant exceptions to the limitations as to the shape of proration units as herein contained. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of oil.

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.

An operator, at his option, shall be permitted to form optional drilling and fractional proration units of TWENTY (20) acres, with a proportional acreage allowable credit for a well on fractional proration units. The two farthestmost points of a TWENTY (20) acre fractional proration unit shall not be greater than ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (1,500) 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.

**RULE 4:** The maximum daily oil allowable for each well in the subject field shall be

111 barrels of oil per day, upon expiration of the discovery allowable, and the actual allowable for an individual well shall be determined by the sum total of the two following values:

- a. Each well shall be assigned an allowable equal to the top allowable established for a well having a proration unit containing the maximum acreage authorized exclusive of tolerance acreage multiplied by 75% and by then multiplying this value by a fraction, the numerator of which is the acreage assigned to the well and the denominator of which is the maximum acreage authorized for a proration unit exclusive of tolerance acreage.
- b. Each well shall be assigned an allowable equal to 25% of the maximum daily oil allowable above.

It is further ordered that all wells on the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand) Unit in the Big Mineral Creek (Consolidated) Field shall be transferred into the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand Unit) Field, without the filing of a Form W-1. Additionally, the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand) Unit Well No. 523 shall be placed in the Big Mineral Creek (UV Sand Unit) Field.

Done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**(Order approved and signatures affixed  
by OGC Unprotested Master Order  
dated September 14, 2010)**