Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy

It is the policy of the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) to encourage the fair and prompt resolution of internal and external disputes under the Commission's jurisdiction through alternative dispute resolution (ADR). ADR includes any procedure or combination of procedures described by Civil Practice and Remedies Code Chapter 154, such as mediation, arbitration, and mini-trial. All Commission ADR rules and procedures shall comply with Government Code Chapters 2001 and 2009, and Natural Resources Code Section 81.065. Any Commission ADR rules and procedures developed and used under this policy supplement and do not limit other available dispute resolution procedures.

The Executive Director or his/her designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy, as well as any other applicable provisions of Natural Resources Code Section 81.065.

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