

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 04-0254847**

**IN THE WILDCAT FIELD, SAN  
PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
APPROVING TEMPORARY PRODUCTION OF MPG PETROLEUM, LLC  
FOR ITS RITCHIE FARMS WELL NO. 1  
WILDCAT FIELD, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on January 10 and 29, 2008, 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 examiners' report and proposal for decision, the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and any exceptions and replies thereto, 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 MPG Petroleum, Inc. is hereby granted a six-month exception to Statewide Rule 13 for its Ritchie Farm Well No. 1 in the Wildcat Field, San Patricio County. MPG Petroleum, Inc. is not required to comply with Statewide Rule 13(b)(4)(A) for the wellbore provided the following safeguards are taken:

1. Constant surface casing/drill pipe annulus pressure monitoring with real time notification to MPG Petroleum of upset conditions greater than 100 psig, Any upsets greater than 100 psig must be reported to the Corpus Christi District Office;
2. A pressure relief valve to prevent an unsafe pressure buildup in the surface casing/drill pipe annulus. The valve shall be tied to equipment capable of handling fluids released from the pressure relief valve; and
3. A contingency plan describing how the operator will respond to well upsets in order to minimize risks to public safety, the environment and the well's integrity to be approved and filed in the Corpus Christi District Office.

The well may be assigned an allowable, assuming all other required completion papers have been properly filed. The Commission's Field Operations technical staff may grant an additional six-month approval to produce provided they determine the well's bonding has not deteriorated and it is safe to produce. Production authority is subject to the right of MPG Petroleum to request a hearing if such Field Operations approval is denied.

A remedial cement operation complying with Statewide Rule 13(b)(4)(A) must be performed for the well to have permanent production authority.

Each exception to the examiners' 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.

This order will not be final and effective until 20 days after a party is notified of the Commission's order. A party is presumed to have been notified of the Commission's order three days after the date on which the notice is actually mailed. If a timely motion for rehearing 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 the order is served on the parties.

Done this 25th day of August, 2008.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**Chairman Michael L. Williams**

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**Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo**

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**Commissioner Elizabeth A. Jones**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**