

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 03-0227387**

**IN THE ALTA LOMA, NE (S SAND)  
FIELD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER  
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF  
PRIZE OPERATING COMPANY  
FOR NEW FIELD DESIGNATION AND TEMPORARY FIELD RULES  
FOR THE ALTA LOMA, NE (S SAND) FIELD  
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on May 11, 2001, 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 Prize Operating Company for new field designation for its Bruce Well No. 1 is hereby approved. The new field shall be known as the Alta Loma, NE (S Sand) Field, ID No. \_\_\_\_\_.

It is further ordered that the following temporary rules shall be adopted for the Alta Loma, NE (S Sand) Field, Galveston County, Texas.

**RULE 1:** The entire correlative interval from 12,437 feet to 12,467 feet as shown on the log of the Bruce No. 1, James Haggard Survey, A-118, Galveston County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Alta Loma, NE (S Sand) Field.

**RULE 2:** No gas well shall hereafter be drilled nearer than FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN (467) feet to any property line, lease line or subdivision line and no well shall be drilled nearer than ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1,200) 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 therefore shall be filed and will be acted upon in accordance with the provisions of Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38, which applicable provisions of said rule 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 an individual gas well for the purpose of allocating allowable gas production thereto shall be known as a proration unit. The standard drilling and proration units are established hereby to be THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres. No proration unit shall contain more than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres; provided that, tolerance acreage of ten (10) percent shall be allowed for each proration unit so that an amount not to exceed a maximum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO (352) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points of any proration unit shall not be in excess of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (6,500) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than THREE HUNDRED TWENTY (320) acres shall be a fractional proration unit. All proration units shall consist of continuous and contiguous acreage which can reasonably be considered to be productive of gas.

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 daily allowable production of gas from individual wells completed in a non-associated gas reservoir of the subject field shall be determined by allocating the allowable production, after deductions have been made for wells which are incapable of producing their gas allowables, among the individual wells in the proportion that the acreage assigned such well for proration purposes bears to the summation of the acreage with respect to all proratable wells producing from the same reservoir.

It is further ordered that these rules are temporary and effective until \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or until Commission staff evaluates appropriate data after notice and opportunity for hearing as offered by the Commission prior to the expiration of the rules. After this notice and opportunity for hearing, should the evidence evaluated during review be insufficient to sustain spacing or proration unit rules, these temporary rules, on the Commission's own motion, may be modified or terminated.

It is further ordered that the Bruce No. 1 in the Alta Loma, NE (S Sand) Field, Galveston County, Texas, shall be permanently classified as a gas well. All accumulated overproduction for

the Bruce No. 1 is hereby canceled.

Effective this 5th day of June, 2001.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**CHAIRMAN MICHAEL L. WILLIAMS**

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**COMMISSIONER CHARLES R. MATTHEWS**

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**COMMISSIONER TONY GARZA**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary**