

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 04-0225773**

**IN THE PORTLAND, W. (F-5) FIELD,
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF
BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION COMPANY
FOR NEW FIELD DESIGNATION AND
ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY FIELD RULES
FOR THE PORTLAND, W. (F-5) FIELD
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on September 6, 2000, 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 Bass Enterprises Production Company for a New Field Designation to be known as the Portland, W. (F-5) Field (No. 72504 180), San Patricio County, Texas, be and it is hereby approved.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Railroad Commission of Texas that the following field rules be and are hereby adopted for the Portland, W. (F-5) Field.

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval from 9166 to 9190 feet as shown on the Induction-SP log of the Bass Enterprises Production Company Portland Oil Unit "A" Lease Well No. 1, M.J. McLean Survey, San Patricio County, Texas, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Portland, W. (F-5) Field.

RULE 2: No well for oil or gas 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 TWELVE HUNDRED (1200) feet 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 ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than ONE HUNDRED (160) acres except as hereinafter provided. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (4500) 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 ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres, then and in such event the remaining unassigned acreage up to and including a total of EIGHTY (80) 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.

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 oil allowable for each individual well in the subject field 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 0.75 and by then multiplying this value by that 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 the top allowable established for a well having a proration unit containing the maximum acreage authorized exclusive of tolerance acreage multiplied by 0.25.

It is further **ORDERED** that these rules are temporary and effective until September 26, 2002, 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, will be terminated and the field will revert to Statewide spacing and density rules.

Done this twenty-fifth day of September, 2000.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Chairman Michael L. Williams

Commissioner Charles R. Matthews

Commissioner Tony Garza

ATTEST

Secretary