

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 10-0275210**

**IN THE COTTONWOOD DRAW
(GRANITE WASH) FIELD, HARTLEY
COUNTY, TEXAS**

**FINAL ORDER
APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF LAREDO PETROLEUM, INC
FOR A NEW FIELD DESIGNATION AND ADOPTION OF
TEMPORARY FIELD RULES FOR THE
COTTONWOOD DRAW (GRANITE WASH) FIELD
HARTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on May 18, 2012, the presiding examiners have 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 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 Laredo Petroleum, Inc. for a new field discovery for the Cottonwood Draw (Granite Wash) Field (RRC Field No. 21056 250), Hartley County, Texas be and hereby is approved.

It is further **ORDERED** that the following temporary Field Rules shall be adopted for the Cottonwood Draw (Granite Wash) Field, Hartley County, Texas:

RULE 1: The correlative interval from 6,150 feet to 6,400 feet, as shown on the log of the Laredo Petroleum, Inc., K. R. Stanley 112 Lease, Well No. 1 (API No. 42-205-30345), Section 112, Block 2, B&B Survey, Hartley County, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Cottonwood Draw (Granite Wash) Field.

RULE 2: No well for oil or gas shall hereafter be drilled nearer than THREE HUNDRED THIRTY (330) feet to any property line, lease line, or subdivision line and no well for oil or gas shall be drilled nearer than SIX HUNDRED SIXTY (660) 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 an 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. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

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.

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 the discovery allowable of 200 barrels of oil per day, until expiration of this discovery allowable. At that time, the 1965 yardstick allowable shall be assigned. The maximum daily oil allowable for a well in the field shall be determined by multiplying the applicable yardstick allowable for a well in the field by a fraction, of which, the numerator is the acreage assigned to the well for proration purposes and the denominator is the maximum acreage authorized by these field rules for proration purposes, exclusive of tolerance acreage.

It is further ordered that these rules are temporary and effective until December 26, 2013, 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 26th day of June, 2012.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated June
26, 2012)**