

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

**OIL AND GAS DOCKET
NO. 04-0255297**

**FINAL ORDER
CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS FIELDS INTO A NEW FIELD CALLED
THE LOPEZ RANCH (CONSOLIDATED) FIELD AND
ADOPTING FIELD RULES FOR THE
LOPEZ RANCH (CONSOLIDATED) FIELD
BROOKS COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Commission finds that after statutory notice in the above-numbered docket heard on February 22, 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 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 fields listed on Appendix A located in Brooks County, Texas, are hereby combined into a new field called the Lopez Ranch (Consolidated) Field (No. 54895 400):

It is further ordered that the following rules are adopted for the Lopez Ranch (Consolidated) Field:

RULE 1: The entire correlative interval from 8,200 feet to 11,205 feet, as shown on the log of the Humble Oil & Refining Co. B.A. Skipper, Jr. Well No. 12, API No. 047-01556, La Encantada Grant, A-97, Brooks County, shall be designated as a single reservoir for proration purposes and be designated as the Lopez Ranch (Consolidated) 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 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. The Commission will grant exceptions to permit drilling within shorter distances and drilling more wells than herein prescribed whenever the Commission determines 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 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 ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres. No proration unit shall consist of more than ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) acres; provided that, tolerance acreage of ten (10) percent shall be allowed for each standard proration unit so that an amount not to exceed a maximum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (176) acres may be assigned. The two farthestmost points in any proration unit shall not be in excess of FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (4,500) feet removed from each other. Each proration unit containing less than ONE HUNDRED SIXTY (160) 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. No double assignment of acreage will be accepted.

An operator, at his option, shall be permitted to form optional drilling units of FORTY (40) acres. A proportional acreage allowable credit will be given for a well on a fractional proration unit. The two farthestmost points of a FORTY (40) acre fractional proration unit shall not be greater than TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED (2100) feet removed from each other.

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 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 following manner:

FIVE percent (5%) of the field's total allowable shall be allocated equally among all the individual prorable wells producing from the field.

NINETY-FIVE percent (95%) of the field's total allowable shall be allocated among the individual wells in the proportion that the deliverability of such well, as evidenced by the most recent G-10 test filed with the Railroad Commission bears to the summation of the deliverability of all prorable wells producing from the field.

Done this 29th day of July, 2008.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**(Order approved and signatures affixed by
OGC Unprotested Master Order dated July 29,
2008)**

Attachment "A"

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Field Number</u>
ALTA MESA, N.E. (9150)	02003 800
LOPEZ RANCH (VKSBG F1)	54895 480
MELINDA'S ASTON MAG (LOWER VX)	60337 240
RACHAL (VICKSBURG)	74120 195
SCOTT & HOPPER (I-70)	81752 064
SCOTT & HOPPER, E. (K-27)	81753 500
SCOTT & HOPPER, S. (9500)	81756 500
SKIPPER (I-27)	83935 333
SKIPPER (J-05)	83935 666