



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 01-0300500

THE APPLICATION OF ANADARKO E&P ONSHORE LLC TO AMEND SPECIAL FIELD RULES FOR THE BRISCOE RANCH (EAGLEFORD) FIELD, VARIOUS COUNTIES, TEXAS.

HEARD BY: Paul Dubois – Technical Examiner
Ryan Lammert – Administrative Law Judge

HEARING DATE: June 30, 2016

CONFERENCE DATE: September 12, 2016

APPEARANCES:

APPLICANT:

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David Christian

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC

OBSERVERS:

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Sage Energy Company
CML Exploration, LLC

Katherine Gallagher

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC ("Anadarko") requests the Commission amend the field rules for the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field, which were adopted on March 9, 2010 (Oil & Gas Docket No. 01-0263787), as amended. Specifically, Anadarko applied to (1) expand the correlative interval, and (2) harmonize certain field rule provisions with the Commission's amendments to Statewide Rule 86 (16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.86), which were made applicable to the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field in the Final Order to Oil & Gas Docket No. 01-0299858 on April 12, 2016.

Anadarko's proposed expansion of the field correlative interval was protested by Sage Energy Company and CML Exploration, LLC. By letter dated June 28, 2016, Anadarko

requested that the proposed field rule amendment pertaining to the correlative interval be severed from the present docket, and the present docket continue to consider the balance of the matters noticed, save and except the protested issues. The Examiners granted Anadarko's request.

Therefore, the matters taken up for consideration at the hearing, in this Examiners' Report and Recommendation, and the proposed Final Order (attached) pertain only to the certain field rule provisions rendered obsolete or redundant by the Commission's amendments to Statewide Rule 86. These issues were not protested, and the Examiners recommend Anadarko's application be approved, save and except the protested issues.

DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE

With Anadarko's withdrawal its proposal to expand the field correlative interval from consideration in this case, the balance of the issues under consideration pertain to harmonizing the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field rules with the amendments to Statewide Rule 86 pertaining to unconventional fracture treated (UFT) fields, which became effective on February 1, 2016. The amendments requested by Anadarko effectively amount to "cleaning up" the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field Rules. The Examiners recommend the field rules be amended as requested by Anadarko.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Notice of this hearing was given to all parties entitled to notice at least ten days prior to the date of the hearing.
2. Field rules for the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field were adopted on March 9, 2010 in Oil & Gas Docket No. 01-0263787. Those field rules have been amended on several occasions.
3. Anadarko withdrew its request to amend the correlative interval for the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field.
4. Anadarko seeks to harmonize the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field rules with the amendments to Statewide Rule 86 pertaining to unconventional fracture treated (UFT) fields that became effective on February 1, 2016.
5. The Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field was designated as a UFT Field on April 12, 2016 in Oil & Gas Docket No. 01-0299858.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Resolution of the subject application is a matter committed to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Tex. Nat. Res. Code § 81.051
2. All notice requirements have been satisfied. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.43

EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Examiners recommend the Commission enter an order granting the application of Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC to amend the field rules for the Briscoe Ranch (Eagleford) Field.

Respectfully submitted,



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Technical Examiner



Ryan Lammert
Administrative Law Judge