



The Hearings Division manages administrative law dockets and hearings on issues under RRC’s jurisdiction including oil and gas, natural gas utilities, pipeline safety, alternative fuels safety and surface mining & reclamation dockets.

## CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

### RRC Administrative Law Dockets:

- Contested case dockets may be resolved before a hearing.
- If a hearing is required, RRC administrative law judges and technical examiners may issue reports & recommendations for unprotested matters. For protested matters, they may issue written recommendations known as Proposals for Decisions (PFDs).
- A final decision on Hearings Division dockets occur when Railroad Commissioners vote on final orders, master default orders, oil and gas consent agendas, agreed enforcement orders and inactive well items in a public, open meeting/conference.

### Other Hearings Division Dockets:

- Inactive Well Orders are issued when operators violate RRC’s rules related to the maintenance and compliance of inactive wells, such as requiring inactive wells to be plugged or inactive oilfield surface equipment to be removed.
- Agreed Enforcement Orders are issued to parties not contesting RRC’s enforcement actions and who have signed an agreement to settle a pending docket.

- Master Default Orders are issued after a party has failed to respond to the RRC’s request for rule compliance or failed to attend a hearing requested by the party on the matter.
- Motions for Rehearing are requests for a rehearing by parties who disagree with a final order issued by the Commission.
- Protested Enforcement Orders are where a party is protesting the RRC’s enforcement and has requested a hearing.

### Docket Services

- Receives all RRC Hearings Division legal filings; assigns docket numbers; creates hearing files & schedules RRC hearings.



## PUBLIC DATA & RECORDS

- Current Hearings Schedules, Oil & Gas Research, East Texas Hearings & Gas Dockets Queries.



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