



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 01-0279308

THE APPLICATION OF EOG RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE
RULE 32 FOR THE DONNELL LOWE PASTURE UNIT, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)
FIELD, MCMULLEN COUNTY, TEXAS

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DATE OF HEARING: December 6, 2012

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EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG") requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare 100 MCFPD of casinghead gas from December 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013, from the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field, McMullen County, Texas.

Notice was provided to offset operators surrounding the above referenced lease. The application is unopposed and the examiners recommend approval of an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, as requested by EOG.

DISCUSSION OF THE EVIDENCE

Statewide Rule 32 governs the utilization for legal purposes of natural gas produced under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission. Specifically, Statewide Rule 32(h) provides that an exception to flare natural gas in volumes greater than 50 MCFGPD per well may be granted administratively for a period up to 180 days. Beyond that, Statewide Rule 32(h) provides that exceptions beyond 180 days shall be granted only in a final order signed by the Commission. In the context of the subject application, EOG is requesting to flare 100 MCFPD of casinghead gas from December 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013, from the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, as provided by Statewide Rule 32(h).

The Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit is located in northwestern McMullen County, approximately 14 miles northwest of the town of Tilden, Texas. This area of the Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field is undergoing rapid development and lacks existing oil and gas infrastructure for new gas production. The Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit is located approximately 2.7 miles from EOG's low pressure gas gathering pipeline.

EOG submitted a copy of the Commission Form W-2 filed for its Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, Well No. 1H, that was completed in May 2012. The well produced 464 BOPD, 291 MCFGPD and 1,192 BWPD with a gas-oil ratio of 627 cubic feet per barrel. EOG received administrative Permit No. 11632 to flare 150 MCFPD of casinghead gas from its Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit. The permit was effective June 1, 2012, and expired on December 1, 2012, after three extensions, which totaled the maximum 180 days allowed by an administrative permit.

EOG expects the gas gathering line to be completed prior to March 31, 2013, when the casinghead gas will no longer be flared. The H₂S concentration at the flare meter is 12 ppm. EOG requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare 100 MCFPD of casinghead gas from December 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013, from the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Proper notice of this hearing was given at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. There were no protests to the application.
2. The Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit is located in northwestern McMullen County, approximately 14 miles northwest of the town of Tilden, Texas.
 - a. This area of the Eagleville (Eagle Ford-1) Field is undergoing rapid development and lacks existing oil and gas infrastructure for new gas production.

- b. The Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, Well No. 1H, was completed in May 2012. The well produced 464 BOPD, 291 MCFGPD and 1,192 BWPD with a gas-oil ratio of 627 cubic feet per barrel.
 - c. The Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit is located approximately 2.7 miles from EOG's low pressure gas gathering pipeline.
3. Statewide Rule 32(h) stipulates that the Commission may administratively grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for a period no greater than 180 days.
- a. EOG Resources, Inc. ("EOG") received administrative Permit No. 11632 to flare 150 MCFPD of casinghead gas from its Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit.
 - b. The permit was effective June 1, 2012, and expired on December 1, 2012, after three extensions, which totaled the maximum 180 days allowed by an administrative permit.
4. An exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare 100 MCFPD of casinghead gas from December 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013, from the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, is appropriate.
- a. EOG expects the gas gathering line to be completed prior to March 31, 2013, when the casinghead gas will no longer be flared.
 - b. The H₂S concentration at the flare meter is 12 ppm.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Proper notice was issued as required by all applicable statutes and regulatory codes.
- 2. All things have occurred and been accomplished to give the Commission jurisdiction in this matter.
- 3. Approval of the requested authority pursuant to Statewide Rule 32 will prevent waste and will not harm correlative rights.

EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the examiners recommend that the Commission grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 to flare 100 MCFPD of casinghead gas from December 1, 2012, through March 31, 2013, from the Donnell Lowe Pasture Unit, as requested by EOG Resources, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,



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