

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NOS. 04-0303678

APPLICATION BY ASCENDANCE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC (OPERATOR NO. 033892) FOR A GOOD FAITH CLAIM REVIEW REGARDING A P-4 TRANSFER OF RECORD OPERATOR FOR THE VILLARREAL LEASE (LEASE NO. 245754), WELL NO. 1, SEJITA, WEST FIELD, DUVAL COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM GREEN EXPLORATION COMPANY (OPERATOR NO. 330179) TO ASCENDANCE ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC

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COMPLAINT BY BENITO VILLARREAL THAT GREEN EXPLORATION COMPANY (OPERATOR NO. 330179) DOES NOT HAVE A GOOD FAITH CLAIM TO OPERATE THE VILLARREAL LEASE (LEASE NO. 245754), WELL NO. 1, SEJITA, WEST FIELD, DUVAL COUNTY, TEXAS

FINAL ORDER

The Railroad Commission ("RRC" or "Commission") finds that after statutory notice in the above-docketed cases, heard on March 7, 2017, the presiding Administrative Law Judge and Technical Examiner have made and filed a Proposal for Decision containing findings of fact and conclusions of law, which was served on all parties of record, and that this proceeding was duly submitted to the Railroad Commission of Texas at a conference held in its offices in Austin, Texas.

The Commission, after review and due consideration of the Proposal for Decision and the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and any exceptions and replies thereto, hereby adopts as its own the findings of fact and conclusions of law contained therein, and incorporates those findings of fact and conclusions of law as if fully set out and separately stated herein.

IT IS ORDERED that Ascendance Energy Partners, LLC's request for a good faith claim review and request to become the Commission operator of record for the River Bend -A- Lease (Lease ID No. 31525), Well No. 1 (the "Well") is **DENIED**.

IT IS ORDERED that Benito Villarreal's request that the Well be plugged is **GRANTED**. Green Exploration Company is **ORDERED** to, no later than sixty days after this order is final, plug the Well and place the River Bend -A- Lease in compliance with Commission statutes and rules.

It is further **ORDERED** by the Commission that this order shall not be final and effective until 25 days after the Commission's Order is signed, unless the time for filing a motion for rehearing has been extended under TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142, by agreement under TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.147, or by written Commission Order issued pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.146(e). If a timely motion for rehearing of an application is filed by any party at interest, this order shall not become final and effective until such motion is overruled, or if such motion is granted, this order shall be subject to further action by the Commission. Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.146(e) and 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.149(c), the time allotted for Commission action on a motion for rehearing in this case prior to its being overruled by operation of law is hereby extended until 90 days from the date the Commission Order is signed.

Each exception to the Proposal for Decision not expressly granted herein is overruled. All requested findings of fact and conclusions of law which are not expressly adopted herein are denied. All pending motions and requests for relief not previously granted or granted herein are denied.

ENTERED in Austin, Texas on this 15th day of August, 2017.

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