



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## HEARINGS DIVISION

OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0315104

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**APPLICATION OF WPX ENERGY PERMIAN, LLC (942623) FOR AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 32 FOR THE CBR 22 #17SL (GAS ID NO. 284119) AND THE CBR 22 #23H (GAS ID NO. 283823), PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) FILED, LOVING COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**HEARD BY:** Petar Buva – Technical Examiner  
Clayton J. Hoover – Administrative Law Judge

**HEARING DATE:** November 13, 2018  
**CONFERENCE DATE:** December 11, 2018

**APPEARANCES:** **REPRESENTING:**

**APPLICANT:** WPX Energy Permian, LLC

Bill G. Spencer (Consultant)  
James Clark (Engineer)

### EXAMINERS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

WPX Energy Permian, LLC (942623) is requesting a Statewide Rule 32 exception for the wells CBR 22 #17SL (Gas ID No. 284119) and the CBR 22 #23H (Gas ID No. 283823), in the Phantom (Wolfcamp) Field, Loving County, Texas. Notice of the application was provided to offset operators in the field and no protests were received. The application is unopposed, and the Technical Examiner and Administrative Law Judge (collectively, "Examiners") recommend approval of a Statewide Rule 32 exception for the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H, as requested by WPX Energy Permian, LLC ("WPX").

#### 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(j) *Opportunity for hearing* states that an operator may request a hearing on any application for an exception, or exception renewal required by this section.

The Commission received a hearing request for a Statewide Rule 32 exception renewal for the wells CBR 22 #17SL and the CBR 22 #23H on September 14, 2018 to consider a two-year extension. WPX was granted Flaring Permit No. 34338, effective April 1, 2018 through October 13, 2018 to flare a maximum of 400 thousand cubic feet ("MCF") per day of casinghead gas for the flare point associated with the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H.

WPX seeks authorization to flare 2,000 MCF per day from the flare point associated with the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H from October 14, 2018 through October 14, 2020. Flaring will be limited to occasional system upsets when the gas plant or lines are down.

WPX agreed that pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code §2001.144(a)(4)(A), this Final Order can be final and effective on the date a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Notice of this hearing was given to offset operators in the subject field at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. There were no protests to the application.
2. The Commission received a hearing request for a Statewide Rule 32 exception the flare point associated with the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H to consider a two-year extension of the current flare permit.
3. WPX requests an exception to Statewide Rule 32 for the flare point associated with the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H for a period of two years from October 14, 2018 through October 14, 2020 to flare a maximum of 2,000 MCF per day of casinghead gas.
4. WPX was granted Permit No. 34338, effective April 1, 2018 through October 13, 2018 to flare a maximum of 400 MCF per day of casinghead gas for the flaring point associated with the wells CBR 22 #17SL and CBR 22 #23H.
5. WPX agreed in writing or on the record that, pursuant to the provisions of Texas Government Code §2001.144(a)(4)(A), this Final Order can be final and effective on the date a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Notice was issued as required by applicable statutes and commission rules.

2. All things have occurred and been accomplished to give the Commission jurisdiction in this matter.
3. The requested authority to flare casinghead gas satisfies the requirements of Statewide Rule 32. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.32 (h).
4. Pursuant to §2001.144(a)(4)(A) of the Texas Government Code and by agreement of the parties in writing or on the record, the Final Order can be final and effective when a Master Order relating to this Final Order is signed.

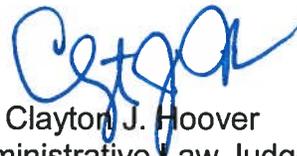
### EXAMINERS' RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Examiners recommend that the Commission grant an exception to Statewide Rule 32 from October 14, 2018 through October 14, 2020 of maximum 2,000 MCF per day for the for the wells CBR 22 #17SL (Gas ID No. 284119) and the CBR 22 #23H (Gas ID No. 283823), in the Phantom (Wolfcamp) Field, Loving County, Texas as requested by WPX Energy Permian, LLC.

Respectfully submitted,



Petar Buva  
Technical Examiner



Clayton J. Hoover  
Administrative Law Judge