# Railroad Commission of Texas
# Proposed Rulemaking Summary

## 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.15, relating to *Surface Equipment Removal Requirements and Inactive Wells*, and §3.107, relating to *Penalty Guidelines for Oil and Gas Violations*

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**Public Comment Deadline** — 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, October 6, 2025

**Action (new, amend, and/or repeal)** — Amendments to Existing Rules

## Summary

The RRC proposes the amendments to implement House Bill 2663, 89th Texas Legislature (Regular Session, 2025). The bill amends Texas Natural Resources Code §89.029 to require an operator who is applying for a plugging extension for a well that has been inactive for at least 10 years to affirm to the Commission it has removed all equipment associated with providing electric power to the production site, unless the equipment is owned by a utility provider, as defined by Texas Utilities Code §31.002. The bill also requires the Commission to assess a penalty of up to $25,000 if an operator falsely files this affirmation.

## Questions

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