



RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HEARINGS DIVISION

SECOND AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ORDER

On March 13, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Disaster in all Texas counties related to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19). Given that declaration, guiding orders issued by the Supreme Court of Texas, as well as ongoing concerns for the health and safety of Hearings Division employees and those appearing before the Commission, effective immediately and continuing until further notice, hearings will continue to be conducted remotely by a video conferencing or a teleconferencing format.

No in-person hearings will be scheduled at this time without a motion explaining why the use of video conferencing or teleconferencing is not viable and indicating good cause for an in-person hearing. The Hearings Division Director, along with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Technical Examiner assigned to the docket, will evaluate each request for an in-person hearing to determine whether it may be conducted remotely or is necessary to conduct in-person. For hearings conducted remotely, the ALJ or the ALJ's legal assistant will direct participants in the processes for the remote hearing, including instructions for accessing the hearing, the manner to provide evidence by electronic means in advance of the hearing, as well as any other relevant information. For questions related to the procedures for a scheduled hearing, please contact the assigned legal assistant. Contact information is available at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/contact-hearings>.

Docket Services is open to receive filings through RRC CASES, regular mail, by email at hearingsdivision.efile@rrc.texas.gov, and in-person. Although Docket Services is available to receive in-person filings, parties are strongly encouraged to use RRC CASES to file documents with Docket Services rather than in person or by using the email e-file indicated above. For more information on RRC CASES, please visit <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/rrc-cases>. Page limit restrictions associated with e-filing are suspended temporarily. If you have a question related to a filing, please contact docket services at docketservices@rrc.texas.gov.

The Hearings Division remains dedicated to the expedient and just resolution of matters before it. The Railroad Commission of Texas has worked diligently to ensure its high level of productivity and professionalism is maintained throughout these challenging circumstances. We ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

This order is subject to amendment or revocation as additional information becomes available regarding circumstances impacting the hearing process.

ISSUED this 15th day of September 2021.

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