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Dear Ms. Sutton:

The Oil and Gas Commission has completed a revision of its General Rules as required by Act 315 of the 92nd General Assembly, and the revised rules are being sent to the Secretary of State as of the date of this letter. The amendment is in regard to each individual rule that is currently included in the General Rules. The specific rules included in the General Rules and subject to amendment are:

GERNERAL RULE A- ADMINISTRATIVE

- Rule A-2: General Hearing Procedures;
- Rule A-3: Additional Requirements for Specific Types of Hearings;
- Rule A-4: Definitions;
- Rule A-5 Enforcement Procedures;
- Rule A-7 Determination of Natural Gas Well Categories for Severance Tax Purposes.

GENERAL RULE B- DRILLING AND PRODUCTION

- Rule B-1: Application to Drill a Production Well;
- Rule B-2: Proof of Financial Responsibility Required to be Furnished;
- Rule B-3: Spacing of Wells;
- Rule B-4: Application to Transfer a Well;
- Rule B-5: Submission of Well Records and Issuance of Certificate of Compliance;
- Rule B-6: Oil, Gas and Water to be Protected;
- Rule B-7: When Wells Shall Be Plugged and Abandoned and Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon Wells;

- Rule B-8: Plugging Methods and Procedures;
- Rule B-9: Dry Gas Well Plugging Methods and Procedures;
- Rule B-10: Seismic Core and Other Exploratory Holes to be Plugged; Methods, Records;
- Rule B-11: Domestic Natural Gas Wells and Conversion of Permitted Oil and Natural Gas Wells for Use as Domestic Natural Gas or Fresh Water Supply Wells;
- Rule B-13: Organization Reports;
- Rule B-15: Casing Requirements;
- Rule B-16: Blow-out Prevention;
- Rule B-17: Well Drilling Pits and Completion Pits Requirements;
- Rule B-18: Wellhead Fittings;
- Rule B-19: Requirements for Well Completion Utilizing Fracture Stimulation;
- Rule B-23: Tubing;
- Rule B-26: General Lease Operating Requirements;
- Rule B-30: Deviation Tests;
- Rule B-32: Vacuum Pumps Prohibited;
- Rule B-34: Notice of Fire, Breaks, or Blow-outs and Remediation of Associated Spills of Crude Oil and Produced Water;
- Rule B-35: Determining and Naming Common Sources of Supply;
- Rule B-36: Takings to be Ratable;
- Rule B-37: Dual Completion of Wells;
- Rule B-38: Establishment of Field Rules;
- Rule B-40: Authorization for Director of Production and Conservation to Administratively Approve Applications for Exceptional Well Locations;
- Rule B-41: Rule for Operation in Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Areas;
- Rule B-42: Seismic Rules;
- Rule B-43: Establishment of Drilling Units for Gas Production From Conventional and Unconventional Sources of Supply Occurring in Certain Prospective Areas Not Covered by Field Rules;
- Rule B-44: Establishment of Drilling Units for Gas Production From All Sources of Supply Occurring in Certain Producing Areas in Franklin, Logan, Scott, Sebastian and Yell Counties;

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-Rule B-45: Establishment of Well Set-Back Requirements for Dry Gas Production Wells Occurring in Established Fields in Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Pope, Scott, Yell, Sebastian, and Washington Counties.

GENERAL RULE C- OIL

- Rule C-1: Fields or Pools in Which Production Will Be Controlled;
- Rule C-2: Reports by Producers;
- Rule C-5: Oil Assessment;
- Rule C-10: Establishment of Well Set-Back Requirements for Oil Production Wells.

GENERAL RULE D- GAS

- Rule D-7: Natural Gas to be Metred;
- Rule D-8: Monthly Natural Gas Production Reports;
- Rule D-14: Gas Assessment;
- Rule D-15: Measuring Gas at Custody Transfer Points;
- Rule D-16: Back Pressure Tests for Natural Gas Production Allowable Determination;
- Rule D-17: General Rules for the Regulation of Natural Gas Pipelines;
- Rule D-18: Authority to Commingle;
- Rule D-19: Additional Completions within Common Sources of Supply Within a Drilling Unit;
- Rule D-20: Noise Level Requirements for Non-Wellhead Compressor Facilities;
- Rule D-21: Procedures for Determining the Production Allowable for Dry Natural Gas Production Wells;
- Rule D-22: Requirements for Lease Gas Rights Supply Lines.

GENERAL RULE E- TRANSPORTATION

- Rule E-1: Pipelines, Purchasers, and Transporters;
- Rule E-2: Reports from Oil Pipe Lines, Transporters and Storer;
- Rule E-3: Exploration and Production Fluid Gathering, Handling and Transportation.

GENERAL RULE F- PROCESSING

- Rule F-2: Refinery Reports;
- Rule F-3: Gasoline Plant Reports.

GENERAL RULE G- ABANDONED AND ORPHAN WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM

- Rule G-1: Abandoned or Leaking Well and Well Site Remediation;
- Rule G-2: Plugging of Orphan Wells;
- Rule G-3: Transfer of Wells in the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging Program.

GENERAL RULE H- CLASS II UIC WELLS

-Rule H-1: Class II Disposal and Class II Commercial Disposal Well Permit Application Procedures;

-Rule H-2: Well Construction, Operating and Reporting Requirements for Class II Disposal Wells;

-Rule H-3: Well Construction, Operating and Reporting Requirements for Class II Commercial Disposal Wells.

These above-referenced rules of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission have only been amended to update the term "regulation" to the term "rule." The Commission is amending these rules consistent with the expedited procedure specified in Act 893 the 92nd General Assembly.

If you have any further questions or need any further information, please let us know.

Sincerely,



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