### RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARINGS DIVISION

Oil and Gas Docket No. 08-0309997	<i></i>	APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY (784548) AND FOUR SEVENS OPERATING COMPANY (280617) PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE WASHINGTON UNIT, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Oil and Gas Docket No. 08-0310001	<i>๛๛๛๛๛๛๛</i>	APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY (784548) AND FOUR SEVENS OPERATING COMPANY (280617) PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE MOSS UNIT, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Oil and Gas Docket No. 08-0310003	<i>๛๛๛๛๛๛</i>	APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY (784548) AND FOUR SEVENS OPERATING COMPANY (280617) PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE STEERS NATION UNIT, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Oil and Gas Docket No. 08-0310004	<i>๛๛๛๛๛๛๛๛</i>	APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY (784548) AND FOUR SEVENS OPERATING COMPANY (280617) PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE GOLIAD UNIT, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Oil and Gas Docket No. 08-0310005	99999	APPLICATION OF SINCLAIR OIL & GAS COMPANY (784548) AND FOUR SEVENS OPERATING COMPANY (280617) PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE BAUER UNIT, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD,
March 29, 2018	§	HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

# **NOTICE OF HEARING**

<u>Date, Location, and Place of Hearing</u>- Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018, at the offices of the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) located in the William B. Travis State Office Building, at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, in a room number to be posted on the bulletin board in the first-floor lobby. If the hearing is not concluded on the day it commences, it will be continued from day to day until concluded. This setting may be converted to a prehearing conference, with continuation for a hearing on the merits to a date certain, which will be announced at the hearing.

<u>Purpose of Hearing</u>- The purpose of the hearing is to allow the parties to present evidence and consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to the Application. The issues that may be addressed at the hearing include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. A statement of the matters asserted and the nature of the Applicants' hearing request is in the attached Appendix A.

2. Any other issues raised in the pleadings, evidence, or argument that are necessary for the Commission to render a final decision on the merits of this case.

Failure to Appear- All parties, protestants or persons intending to participate at the hearing must attend the hearing. Failure to appear at any prehearing conference or the hearing in this case may result in dismissal of that party's claim or protest, or default against that party/protestant and claims. See, e.g., Tex. Gov't Code § 2001.056, 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.107.

Appearance at Hearing- All persons or parties supporting, opposing or protesting this Application and intending to participate in the hearing must complete and file with Docket Services the enclosed Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing Protest form at least <u>five business days</u> prior to the hearing date in this Notice of Hearing. <u>This form is required even if a prior written response was submitted to the previously issued "Notice of Application."</u> A copy of the form should be served on the Applicant's representative and any other parties of record.

<u>Legal Authority and Jurisdiction</u>- The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicants and over the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to Tex. NAT. Res. Code title 3, subtitles A, B and C, Tex. WATER Code chapters 26, 27 and 29, and Tex. Gov't Code chapter 2001.

<u>Particular Statutes and Rules Involved</u>- The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding include but are not limited to the following:

- TEX. NAT. RES. CODE, title 3, subtitles A, B and C;
- Commission rules in 16 Tex. ADMIN. Code chapters 1 and 3;
- Tex. Water Code chapters 26, 27 and 29; and
- Statutes and rules referenced in Appendix A, if any, of this Notice of Hearing.

Continuance of Hearing- Any request for continuance of this hearing must be filed in Docket Services no later than five business days prior to the hearing date. Copies of such request must be served to all parties shown on the service list. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.45(a)(1).

**Ex parte Communications Prohibited**- Ex parte communications (e.g. phone calls and emails) with the Administrative Law Judges, Technical Examiners, and Commissioners are prohibited. Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.061, 16 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.7.

Written Transcript of the Hearing- If any party desires a written transcript of the hearing by a court reporter, that party shall notify Docket Services at least five business days prior to the hearing date. If an examiner or party requests a written transcript, the Commission may assess the cost to one or more parties. If a case is protested or becomes protested, the party requesting Commission action in this case will need to obtain a court reporter no later than 21 days before the hearing. Typically, this would include the applicant, complainant, and similarly situated parties in other types of cases. See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.111. This includes paying the court reporter's fees for the preparation of the original transcript for the Commission's official records and one copy for use by the examiners in preparing their written recommendation. To obtain a court reporter, contact Dave Howard & Associates Court Reporters at 512-282-0313 or dave@howardreporters.com.

<u>Hearing Exhibits</u>- All exhibits must be clearly marked and submitted in duplicate. If a party wants to offer an exhibit admitted in a prior proceeding, the party must provide a properly identified copy as an exhibit for the record in this proceeding. Additionally, if a court reporter is used, a copy of all exhibits must be given to the court reporter at the time of the hearing.

<u>Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability</u>- Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Commission's Human Resources Department by mail at P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6981 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

<u>Audio/Visual Computer Presentations</u>- All requests for setting up a presentation need to be made in writing no less than three business days prior to the hearing date. Please contact Docket Services to complete a Presentation Setup Help Desk Questionnaire Form.

Service List- The Applicant shall review this Notice of Hearing and the attached Certificate of Service for accuracy and completeness and shall immediately notify Docket Services of any discrepancy or omission. Notice of this hearing is being sent to about 2000 parties, and a complete copy of the service list may be reviewed at the offices of Docket Services. Notice of this hearing will also be published in the *Big Spring Herald*, for four consecutive weeks. Further, a copy of this notice will be posted on a website which the applicants have established with additional information regarding the applications. The website address is <a href="https://www.bigspringwells.com">www.bigspringwells.com</a>. Finally, the applicants have submitted various letters and maps to the Commission, which may be reviewed at the offices of Docket Services if an inquiring party does not have access to the internet or the ability to use the applicant's website due to barriers of language or disability. Parties desiring to speak to the applicants' representative in Spanish are invited to telephone 903-221-5752 (para espanol). Copies of the offer letters supporting these applications have been translated to Spanish and posted on the Applicants' project website.

#### APPENDIX A

These hearings are called on the applications of Sinclair Oil & Gas Company and Four Sevens Operating Company to consider their applications for Commission approval of the formation of five pooled units pursuant to the Texas Mineral Interest Pooling Act (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). These units are proposed for completion in the Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC Field (Field ID 85280301), Howard County, Texas, for oil or gas completions, and the Applicants ask the Commission to enter orders creating the following units:

Docket No. 08-0309997-Moss Unit

Docket No. 08-0310001-Washington Unit

Docket No. 08-0310003-Steers Nation Unit

Docket No. 08-0310004-Goliad Unit

Docket No. 08-0310005-Bauer Unit

676.8 acres, more or less
701.7 acres, more or less
557.26 acres, more or less
535.75 acres, more or less

The proposed units to be pooled are illustrated by maps enclosed with voluntary pooling offer letters dated March 8, 2018, copies of which are on file with Docket Services and available for review on the Applicants' project website. Reference is hereby made to such maps, pending offers and the individual applications for a detailed description of each proposed unit. If you are receiving this notice by mail or publication, but you did not receive by mail a voluntary pooling offer letter dated March 8, 2018, please contact the Applicants' representative to verify which unit your acreage is located in, and a copy of the pertinent offer letter and map showing the proposed unit outline will be sent to you by such representative. Please note that as discussed in the offer letters, the ultimate unit sizes approved by the Commission may vary, because Federal Government approval for inclusion of certain tracts has not yet been approved, and because the Commission has the authority to adopt Orders which authorize units with perimeters and acreage that may differ from Applicants' request. The results in either event have been discussed at some detail in the offer letters, and you are referred to them for additional information.

The Applicants propose that Sinclair Oil & Gas Company be the operator of the unit wells. In the event the Commission will not approve units larger than 160 acres plus ten per cent tolerance, production from each such unit well may be allocated by the Applicants between the pooled unit formed by the Commission pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act, and the leased mineral acreage outside such unit, but within the larger boundaries requested by the Applicants in the list above, and as mapped in their March 8<sup>th</sup> voluntary pooling offer letter. The Applicants propose that the Commission provide for reimbursement of the drilling and completion costs solely out of production revenue with a charge for risk of 100 per cent of the drilling and completion costs.

If you have questions regarding this Application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Chad Loudermilk, at (682) 708-8196 or by email at <a href="mailto:info@bigspringwells.com">info@bigspringwells.com</a> If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact Docket Services at (512) 463-6848 or at Room 12-123. Additional information about the hearing process can be found at <a href="www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings">www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings</a>.

To access the Commission's Statewide Rules, start from the Commission's Home Page, click on "General Counsel" (upper right side of page) and follow the path: Rules, Current Rules, T.A.C. Chapter 3, Rule Number.

Check the Weekly Hearing Schedule on the Commission website at: <a href="http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/hearing-schedules/">http://www.rrc.texas.gov/hearings/hearing-schedules/</a> the day prior to the hearing to confirm that it will go forward as scheduled.



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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR AT HEARING

A Copy of this Notice of Intent to Appear at Hearing must be mailed to the Applicant and to Docket Services, P.O. Drawer 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967. It must be received by Docket Services at least five business days in advance of the hearing date.

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