

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 20943
ORDER NO. 23249

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON
A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR AN
ORDER AMENDING THE FIELD RULES FOR
THE AMBROSE-BAKKEN POOL, DIVIDE
COUNTY, ND, TO ALLOW THE FLARING OF
GAS AND UNRESTRICTED PRODUCTION OF
OIL FROM WELLS NOT CONNECTED TO A
GAS GATHERING FACILITY UNTIL THE
SAME CAN BE CONNECTED AND SUCH
OTHER RELIEF AS IS APPROPRIATE.
BAYTEX ENERGY USA LTD. AND SAMSON
RESOURCES CO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- (1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 26th day of September, 2013.
- (2) Baytex Energy USA Ltd and Samson Resources Company made application to the Commission for the Ambrose-Bakken Pool, Divide County, North Dakota, to allow the flaring of gas and unrestricted production of oil from wells not connected to a gas gathering facility until the same can be connected and such other relief as is appropriate. Samson Resources Company withdrew their request for relief.
- (3) Commission Order No. 23041, signed on November 20, 2013, allows all current wells and all wells hereafter completed in the Ambrose-Bakken Pool to produce at a maximum efficient rate through January 31, 2014. After January 31, 2014, all wells in the Ambrose-Bakken Pool shall be allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate for a period of 60 days commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run; after that, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 200 barrels per day for a period of 60 days, after that, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 150 barrels per day for a period of 60 days, thereafter, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 100 barrels of oil per day; if and when such wells are connected to a gas gathering and processing facility the foregoing restrictions are removed, and the wells are allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate. The Director is authorized to issue an administrative order allowing unrestricted production

at a maximum efficient rate for a period not to exceed 120 days, commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run, if the necessity therefor can be demonstrated to his satisfaction.

(4) The relief applicant was requesting through this application was substantially provided in Order No. 23041, therefore, this case should be dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) This case is dismissed without prejudice.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2013.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director