

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 21628
(CONTINUED)
ORDER NO. 23982

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON
A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF BAYTEX
ENERGY USA LTD. 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.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

(1) This cause originally came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of January, 2014. At that time, counsel for Baytex Energy USA LTD. (Baytex) requested this case be continued to the regularly scheduled hearing in February, 2014. There were no objections, the hearing officer granted the request, and this case was scheduled for hearing on February 26, 2014. At that time, counsel for Baytex requested this case be continued to the regularly scheduled hearing in April, 2014. There were no objections, the hearing officer granted the request, and this case was scheduled for hearing on April 24, 2014. At that time, counsel for Baytex requested this case be continued to the regularly scheduled hearing in May 2014. There were no objections, the hearing officer granted the request, and this case was scheduled for hearing on May 29, 2014.

(2) Baytex made application to the Commission for an order amending the field rules 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.

(3) Case No. 22058, a hearing called on a motion of the Commission to consider amending the current Bakken, Bakken/Three Forks, and/or Three Forks Pool field rules to restrict oil production and/or impose such provisions as deemed appropriate to reduce the amount of flared gas, was heard by the Commission on April 22, 2014.

(4) Commission Order No. 24665, issued on July 1, 2014 in Case No. 22058, imposed well production allowances and restrictions for all Bakken Pools in North Dakota, including the Ambrose-Bakken Pool.

(5) This case should be dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) This case is dismissed without prejudice.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2015.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director