

**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

APPLICANT: MICHAEL S. BATTLES  
DIRECTOR OF OIL AND GAS  
CONSERVATION DIVISION  
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION

RESPONDENT: SIGNATURE EXPLORATION, INC.  
1817 NORTH HARRISON  
SHAWNEE, OK 74802-0877  
OPERATOR NO. 18944

RELIEF SOUGHT: MONETARY FINES ) FIELD CITATION  
AND COMPLIANCE ) CAUSE OGC 200000054  
WITH COMMISSION ) A-4-0153  
RULES )  
ORDER NO. **449020**

**DEFAULT CITATION ORDER**

HEARING: December 22, 2000, Pollution and Enforcement Docket before  
Carolyn Tucker, Administrative Law Judge, Courtroom "C"  
First Floor, Jim Thorpe Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

APPEARANCES: E. Anne George, Senior Attorney, Assistant General Counsel,  
Oil and Gas Conservation Division, Oklahoma Corporation  
Commission

**FINDINGS**

1. The Commission finds that the above listed Respondent was given proper notice of the citation as authorized by Title 52 O.S. Section 153 and Order No. 406602. Ms. George presented as her witness, George Hirn, field Inspector with the Corporation Commission. Mr. Hirn testified that he delivered a copy of the citation in person to Jeff Cooper, an agent for the Respondent, on November 20, 2000. This is shown by the acknowledgment signature on the bottom of the citation.
2. The Commission finds that the above respondent failed to appear upon call of the docket at the time and place indicated after proper notice was given as required by law and the Rules of the Commission. That Respondent's failure to appear is taken as a confession of the violation listed on the citation and the following described fine is assessed against the Respondent.
3. Mr. Hirn testified that he and his supervisor, Gary Wood inspected the Hurst #3-B well located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 5 East, Seminole County, Oklahoma on November 17, 2000. They discovered that salt water was being disposed of down the back side of the Hurst well. The Respondent is not a disposal permit. On November 20, 2000, a citation was given to Mr. Cooper for the violation of OAC 165:10-5-2, failure to obtain permit for injection or disposal well. At that time Mr. Cooper indicated to Mr. Hirn that Respondent would just pay the fine. Mr. Hirn

requested that Signature be held in contempt and that they be assessed a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the violation of OAC 165:10-5-2, failure to obtain permit to injection or disposal. The amount of the fine is provided by Commission Rule OAC 165:10-5-2.

4. The Administrative Law Judge recommends that the Respondent Signature Exploration, Inc. shall be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for failure to comply with the above citation, and Respondent shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to pay the fine.


**ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the above named Respondent is held in contempt of the violation listed on said Respondent's citation.
2. That the Respondent is assessed the fine listed on the citation issued to it.
3. That the Respondent shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this order to pay the Five Thousand Dollar (\$5,000.00) fine. That payment of this fine is due within the time provided and failure to pay shall result in a State Court Judgment being filed against the Respondent according to 52 O.S. 1991 Sec. 102 and 12 O.S. 1997 Supp. Sec. 706 and a lien being filed which shall operate as a first lien on all property of the Respondent within this State according to 17 O.S. Sec. 6.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

  
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BOB ANTHONY, CHAIRMAN

  
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DENISE A. BODE, VICE CHAIRMAN

  
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ED APPLE, COMMISSIONER

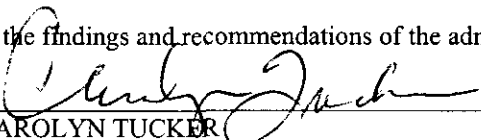
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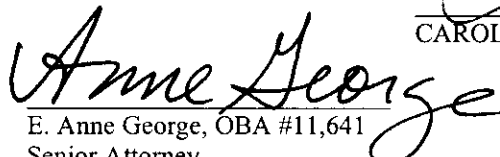
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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PEGGY MITCHELL, SECRETARY

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

The above and foregoing are the findings and recommendations of the administrative law judge.

  
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E. Anne George, OBA #11,641  
Senior Attorney  
Assistant General Counsel