

**RULES
OF THE
OIL AND GAS PROGRAM
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 0400-54-04
RATABLE TAKE**

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- (1) It is required that oil and gas be taken ratably from wells producing from a common pool. The application of vacuum at the wellhead of a well, or upon any gas or oil-bearing reservoir is prohibited, except on application, notice and hearing. A copy of the application and notice of hearing shall be mailed by certified mail to each offset operator within 5 days after the application is filed. Wherever authority is granted to impose a vacuum, a continuous record thereof shall be kept by the operator as required by the order authorizing same. The record shall be made available to the Board on request. Should any operator, or a person with financial interest feel that oil and gas is not being taken ratably from well or wells in which he participates, then he may make that fact known through application for a public hearing and present and exhibit appropriate technical data to demonstrate such positions to the Board. A decision shall be made by the Board provided the applicant complies with the rule governing said hearings.
- (2) At a minimum, consideration of approval for use of a vacuum pump shall include the following:
 - (a) A comprehensive presentation of the information pertinent to the request;
 - (b) Well histories of the well in question and surrounding wells;
 - (c) Electronic logs, if available, for each well;
 - (d) 7½ minute topographic quadrangle maps indicating the location of each well within one mile of the well site;
 - (e) A property map of the same area showing the surface owners, and mineral lease holders on surrounding properties; and
 - (f) A copy of a signed document, from each interested party, i.e., surrounding landowners and lease holders, stating that they have no objection to the well in question being pulled on a vacuum.
- (3) Subparagraph (2)(f) of this rule may be waived if the gas that is pulled from the well is re-injected back into the same reservoir(s) as it is pulled from as a secondary recovery operation.
- (4) All requests made to the Board shall include the requirements of paragraph (2) of this rule.

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