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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS HEARING PROCEDURES:

A summary of bringing or presenting cases before the Railroad Commission of Texas, including filing and providing notice, conducting discovery and a breakdown of the formal hearing process.

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What is the Railroad Commission of Texas

- State Agency that Regulates Oil and Gas Industry
 - Established in 1881
- Mission Statement: *"Our mission is to serve Texas by our stewardship of natural resources and the environment, our concern for personal and community safety, and our support of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans."*
- **Duty to Protect Environment, Prevent Waste, and Protect Correlative Rights.**



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JURISDICTION

HEARINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING CASES ARE HANDLED BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS (“RRC”)

- GAS UTILITY DOCKETS
- PIPELINES
- ENFORCEMENT (VIOLATIONS/FINES) MATTERS
- SURFACE MINING
- OIL AND GAS DIVISION MATTERS
- CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- ALTERNATIVE FULES
- (FYI- NOT RAILROADS)

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HEARINGS ARE HANDLED AT RRC

Not the State Office
of Administrative
Hearings (“SOAH”)

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Commissioners

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Wayne Christian
Commissioner



Christi Craddick
Chairman



Jim Wright
Commissioner

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How to get a hearing?

- File an Application
 - Examples:
 - GUD Rate Ratemaking
 - Change Oil Field Rules
 - Injection Application
 - H₂S Safety Rule Compliance
- Referral from Enforcement Division
 - Spills or failure to maintain financial assurance or propane violations
- File a Complaint
 - Violation of RRC Rules or certain provisions of Natural Resource Code

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