



New Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure Rule Requirements

December 2021



Agenda



- Discuss Rule 3.65 Requirements
- Discuss Forms CI-D and CI-X
- Demo RRC Online Filing of Forms
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Rule 3.65



- Final rule adopted by Commissioners on November 30, 2021
- Rule is effective December 20, 2021
- First filing deadline is January 15, 2022

§3.65(b) Critical Designation Criteria



- Two Types of Critical Facilities
 - (1) Critical Gas Supplier; and
 - (2) Critical Customer.
- These facilities designated critical in an *energy emergency*.
- “Energy emergency” means any event that results in or has the potential to result in firm load shed required by the reliability coordinator of a power region in Texas.

Critical Gas Suppliers



The following facilities are critical gas suppliers:

1. Gas wells producing gas in excess of 15 Mcf/day;
2. Oil leases producing casinghead gas in excess of 50 Mcf/day;
3. Gas processing plants;
4. Natural gas pipelines and pipeline facilities including associated compressor stations and control centers;
5. Local distribution company pipelines and pipeline facilities including associated compressor stations and control centers;
6. Underground natural gas storage facilities;
7. Natural gas liquids transportation and storage facilities; and
8. Saltwater disposal facilities including saltwater disposal pipelines.

Critical Customers



A critical customer is a critical gas supplier (any facility listed on the previous slide) for whom the delivery of electricity from an electric entity is essential to the ability of such gas supplier to operate.

Critical Facilities



- A critical facility – whether a critical gas supplier or critical customer – must file a Form CI-D and CI-D attachment with the Railroad Commission.
- Form CI-D must be filed by January 15, 2022, *unless* the facility is eligible for an exception.
- A **critical customer** must also file the Form CI-D and the Form CI-D attachment with its electric entity.

Critical Customers Only



- Only a critical customer must provide the Form CI-D and CI-D attachment to the critical customer's electric entity.
- The Form CI-D and attachment must be emailed to the electric entity.
- Contact information for each electric entity will be made available on the Public Utility Commission's website.

Form CI-D



Form CI-D and Attachment can be found on the Commission's website at:

<https://www.rrc.texas.gov/critical-infrastructure/critical-infrastructure-forms/>

How to File Form CI-D



- RRC Online Filing System

<https://webapps.rrc.texas.gov/security/login.do>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the RRC Online System login page. The browser's address bar shows the URL "uat212c.rrc.state.tx.us/security/portalHomePage.do". The page header includes the RRC logo and the text "ONLINE SYSTEM". A navigation menu contains links for "Home", "General Help", and "About". The main content area is titled "Welcome to the RRC Online System" and is divided into two sections: "Main Application" and "Internal Applications". The "Main Application" section lists various services, with "Critical Infrastructure Designation (CID)" highlighted in yellow. The "Internal Applications" section lists services like "Remittance Mgmt System" and "Stack". On the right side, a "WHAT'S NEW?" section contains three announcements: "Form W-3A", "Oil and Gas Procedure Manual Now Online", and "Pipeline Online Permitting System".

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WHAT'S NEW?

Form W-3A

Form W-3A (*Notice of Intention to Plug and Abandon*) can now be submitted electronically.

For more information, click the following link.

[W-3A Online Filing Available Now](#)

Oil and Gas Procedure Manual Now Online

Please read the updated Oil and Gas Procedure [Manual](#) for more information.

Pipeline Online Permitting System

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- Via Email to FormCID@rrc.texas.gov

Critical Customers Only



Form CI-D Certification for Critical Customers

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is the sole responsibility of each critical customer as defined in §3.65(b)(2) to provide the Form CI-D and CI-D Attachment to its electric utility/utilities. Designation as a critical customer does not guarantee the uninterrupted delivery of electric service to your facilities.

CERTIFICATION: CRITICAL CUSTOMERS ONLY. By signing and submitting this Form CI-D, I certify that I, a critical customer as defined in §3.65(b)(2), have provided the Form CI-D and CI-D Attachment to the electric entities providing service to my acknowledged facilities as identified on the CI-D Attachment. I certify the information has been provided as required in 16 Tex. Admin. Code §25.52 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §3.65.

Signature _____ Name (print) _____ Phone _____
Title _____ Contact (if different) _____ Phone _____ Date _____

- 16 TAC §25.52 requires Form CI-D and attachment to be provided by email. Email addresses for each electric entity will be available on the PUC's website.

Critical Designation Exception



- A facility designated critical must file Form CI-D *unless* the facility is eligible for an exception.
- The following facilities are NOT eligible for an exception:
 - a facility included on the electricity supply chain map;
 - gas wells or oil leases producing gas or casinghead gas in excess of 250 Mcf/day;
 - gas processing plants;
 - natural gas pipeline facilities that directly serve local distribution companies or electric generation;
 - local distribution company pipeline facilities;
 - underground natural gas storage facilities;
 - natural gas liquids storage and transportation facilities; and
 - a saltwater disposal facility that supports a facility listed above.

Critical Facilities Eligible for Exception



- The following facilities may apply for an exception by filing Form CI-X:
 - Gas wells producing >15 Mcf/day and <250 Mcf/day
 - Oil leases producing >50 Mcf/day and <250 Mcf/day in casinghead gas
 - Natural gas pipelines and pipeline facilities that do not directly serve local distribution companies or electric generation
 - Saltwater disposal wells and pipelines that do not support a facility listed under §3.65(e)(1)-(7)

Form CI-X (cont.)



Form CI-X and Attachment can be found on the Commission's website at:

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- A Form CI-X Exception Application must include:
 - (1) \$150 per operator; and
 - (2) Objective evidence of a reasonable basis and justification in support of the application, such as:
 - all of the gas produced at the facility is for on-site consumption; or
 - the facility does not otherwise provide gas for third-party use.
- Form CI-X and its attachment may be filed through the RRC Online Filing System or via email to FormCIX@rrc.texas.gov



2022

- First filing due January 15, 2022
- Second filing due September 1, 2022, or 30 days after the electricity supply chain map is issued, whichever is later

2023 forward

Biannual filing of Form CI-D and CI-X required by March 1st and September 1st of each year.

Form CI-D, Form CI-X Filing Demo



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Actions	10013	Blackbeard 03	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	Rejected	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021
Actions	10012	Blackbeard 02	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	Passed	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021
Actions	10011	Blackbeard 01	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	Submitted	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021
Actions	10010	Blackbeard 03	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	In Progress	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021
Actions	10009	Blackbeard 02	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	In Progress	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021
Actions	10008	Blackbeard 01	03-09899	Natural Gas Processing Plant	CID	Payment Not Required	In Progress	BLACKBEARD OPERATING, LLC	073056	12/03/2021

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Upload the PDF attachment CI-D or CI-X form depending on which upload you are performing.

Upload the xls,xlsx or csv spreadsheet(s) CI-D or CI-X form depending on which upload you are performing.

+ Choose Upload File

Attachment List

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A1_2021-12-14-11-30-41_form-ci-d-attachment-proposed-092821.xlsx	70356	CID/CIX Forms	Delete
A2_2021-12-14-11-31-56_Form CI-D Final.pdf	163731	CID/CIX Forms	Delete

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Select an EDI file for your company to upload.



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Certify and Submit

I declare under penalties prescribed in Texas Administrative Code §3.65, relating to Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure, and amendments to §3.107, relating to Penalty Guidelines for Oil and Gas Violations. that I am authorized to make this application, that this application was prepared by me or under my supervision and direction, and that data and facts stated herein are true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge.

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Exceptions Not Transferable



- Exceptions are not transferable upon a change of operatorship.
- If the facility has an exception, the exception shall remain in effect until the next bi-annual filing deadline. If the transferee operator seeks to continue the exception beyond that time period, the transferee operator shall indicate the transferred facility on the Form CI-X.

Request For Critical Designation



- §3.65 (c)(1) - A facility not designated critical under §3.65(b) *may* request critical designation if the facility's operation is required in order for another facility designated critical to operate.
- §3.65 (c)(2) - A facility not designated critical under §3.65(b) *shall* request critical designation if the facility is included on the electricity supply chain map.
- A request shall be in writing submitted to the Commission and shall include evidence that the facility qualifies for critical designation under one of the two categories listed above.

Failure to File or Provide Information



- An operator who fails to comply with Section 3.65 may be subject to penalties under §3.107 of this title (relating to Penalty Guidelines for Oil and Gas Violations).

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Important Note for In-person Filings

In an effort to ensure the safety of the public and Railroad Commission staff during the COVID-19 concerns, you may also submit filings via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx or United Parcel Service.

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- December 17, 2021 Houston
- January 6, 2022 Midland
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- Senate Bill 3 text
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- Rule §3.65 Critical Designation of Natural Gas Infrastructure

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- **Midland** —Thursday, January 6, 2022, at the Bush Convention Center
- **Corpus Christi** —Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at the Texas Education Agency’s Education Service Center, Region 2
- **Fort Worth** —Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the City Club of Fort Worth located in the Bank of America Tower

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Questions



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