

# Texas Low Producing Oil Well incentive likely to be reinstated

Due to recent events that have sent oil prices to the mid \$20/barrel range, operators across the country will be looking for ways to lower costs, overhead, etc., to weather the current economic climate. The reduced tax rate incentive for qualifying low producing oil wells has been price capped for some time. The price of crude oil for the month of March is on the trajectory to averaging below \$30/barrel which would permit operators the ability to claim this incentive.

Tex. Tax Code Ann. § 202.058(2) provides for tax rate reductions for certain Low Producing Oil Wells if the following criterion are met:

- Well production during the preceding 90-day period is less than an average of 15 barrels of oil per day of production; and
- The Comptroller-certified average price per barrel for the reporting month is \$30 or less

Additional tax rate reduction becomes available when the certified average price per barrel for the reporting month is \$25 or less and \$22 or less.

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