

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the matter of Application of LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC for an Order Granting an Exception to the Pit Closure time limitations of K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) at its Hammeke 3 location in the NE/4 of Sec 12-22S-12W in Stafford County, Kansas.) Docket No.: 17-CONS-3522-CEXC
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) CONSERVATION DIVISION
) License No.: 32432

**MOTION TO DESIGNATE A PREHEARING OFFICER, AND SCHEDULE A
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

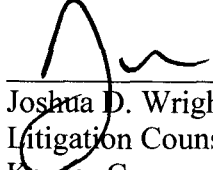
For the following reasons, Commission Staff moves for an Order Designating a Prehearing Officer and Scheduling a Prehearing Conference in this matter:

1. The Commission has jurisdiction to regulate oil and gas production in Kansas under Chapter 55 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and the General Rules and Regulations for the Conservation of Crude Oil and Natural Gas, K.A.R. 82-3-100 *et seq.*
2. Operator has filed an application for an exception to the requirements of K.A.R. 82-3-602 with regard to the Hammeke #3 well (API 15-185-23945-00-00).
3. K.A.R. 82-3-100(b) provides that the Commission may grant an exception to the requirements of any regulation. The applicant is required to publish notice of the application pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a.
4. Staff opposes granting the application at this time and requests this matter be set for a prehearing conference in anticipation for an evidentiary hearing.

CONCLUSION

5. Based on the above, Staff requests an Order to Designate a Prehearing Officer and Schedule a Prehearing Conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 4/26/17, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Motion to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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