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# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler Pat Apple	, Chair
In the Matter of the Application of Linn Operating, Inc. for an order providing for the unitization and unit operation of a part of the Hugoton and Panoma Council Grove Gas Fields in the Alternate Tract Unit described as Section 14-29S-39W (SE/4), Section 13-29S-39W (SW/4), Section 24-29S-39W (NW/4), Section 23-29S-39W (NE/4) in Stanton County, Kansas (ATU 224).		Docket No.: 15-CONS-768-CUNI CONSERVATION DIVISION License No.: 33999
In the Matter of the Application of Linn Operating, Inc. for an order providing for the unitization and unit operation of a part of the Hugoton and Panoma Council Grove Gas Fields in the Alternate Tract Unit described as Section 12-27S-38W (SE/4), Section 07-27S-37W (SW/4), Section 18-27S-37W (NW/4), Section 13-27S-38W (NE/4) in Grant County, Kansas (ATU 150X).		Docket No.: 15-CONS-776-CUNI CONSERVATION DIVISION License No.: 33999
In the Matter of the Application of Inc. for an order providing for the u unit operation of a part of the Hugo Council Grove Gas Fields in the alt described as Section 13-29S-39W ( 24-29S-39W (NE/4) in Stanton Con Section 18-29S-38W (SW/4), Secti (NW/4) in Grant County, Kansas (A	initization and ) oton and Panoma ) ternate tract unit ) (SE/4), Section ) unty, Kansas, ) on 19-29S-38W )	Docket No.: 15-CONS-849-CUNI CONSERVATION DIVISION License No.: 33999
In the Matter of the Application of Inc. for an order providing for the u unit operation of a part of the Hugo Council Grove Gas Fields in the alt described as Section 25-29S-39W ( 36-29S-39W (NE/4) in Stanton Co Section 30-29S-38W (SW/4), Secti (NW/4) in Grant County, Kansas (A	initization and ) oton and Panoma ) ternate tract unit ) (SE/4), Section ) unty, Kansas, ) ion 31-29S-38W )	Docket No.: 15-CONS-855-CUNI CONSERVATION DIVISION License No.: 33999

#### ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Linn Operating, Inc., has filed applications in each of the above docket. Don K.
Williams has timely protested each of the dockets through counsel.

2. Upon its own motion and pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c), the Commission finds that a Prehearing Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b), and that a prehearing conference should be scheduled.

## THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Lane R. Palmateer, Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main, Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, telephone number 316-337-6200, email address <u>l.palmateer@kcc.ks.gov</u>.

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2015. The Prehearing Conference shall begin at 3:30 p.m. and end by 4:30 p.m., at the Commission's offices, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Telephonic attendance may be permitted upon advance request. The Prehearing Conference will focus on the development of a procedural schedule for this docket.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, scheduling of a hearing with the Commission, and any other issues that will promote the orderly and prompt resolution of this proceeding.

D. At the Prehearing Conference, without further notice, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of this matter as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act ("KAPA"). <u>Any party that fails to attend</u> or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding shall be <u>held in default under the KAPA</u>.

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E. <u>Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2)</u>, corporations must enter an appearance via an attorney. If a corporation fails to enter an appearance via an attorney prior to the Prehearing Conference, it shall be held in default under the KAPA.

F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is

John McCannon, Litigation Counsel, telephone number 316-337-6200, j.mccannon@kcc.ks.gov.

G. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the

purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

### BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUL 2 1 2012

Amy Yelbert

Amy L. Gilbert Secretary

Mailed Date: July 22, 2015

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on <u>July 22, 2015</u>, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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and delivered by hand to:

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<u>/s/ Lane R. Palmateer</u> Lane R. Palmateer Prehearing Officer & Assistant General Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission