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

Before Commissioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Notice of Denial of) License Renewal Application to Anderson Exploration, LLC.

Docket No. 16-CONS-610-CMSC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No. 34991

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The Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission moves the Commission for an Order closing this docket for the following reasons:

1. On October 29, 2015, Staff denied the license renewal application for Anderson

Exploration, LLC, whose sole member is Darrel Dean Anderson. The reason for denial was

noncompliance by A & A Discovery, LLC, whose sole member is Darrel Anderson, father of

Darrel Dean Anderson, in violation of K.S.A. 55-155 and K.A.R. 82-3-120.

2. On November 13, 2015, the operator appealed, and the landowner intervened through counsel on December 7, 2015.

3. On December 8, 2015, the prehearing conference was held as scheduled. The landowner and his counsel appeared, but the operator did not appear. Staff moved the Commission to issue a default order the same day.

4. On December 10, 2015, Darrel Anderson of A & A Discovery, LLC, signed a settlement agreement and paid the outstanding plugging fees and monetary penalties in the amount of \$22,880. The settlement agreement also provides for a plugging plan to address additional abandoned wells.

5. On December 15, 2015, Staff withdrew its motion for a default order.

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6. On December 15, 2015, Staff moved the Commission to approve the settlement agreement with A & A Discovery, LLC, in KCC Docket 16-CONS-645-CMSC.

7. On January 5, 2016, the Commission approved that settlement agreement.

 At this time, A & A Discovery, LLC, whose sole member is Darrel Anderson, is in compliance with the settlement agreement and Commission statutes and regulations.
Therefore, the license of Anderson Exploration, LLC, whose sole member is Darrel Dean Anderson, son of Darrel Anderson, should be renewed.

9. If at any time A & A Discovery, LLC, fails to comply with the settlement agreement, Staff may move the Commission for additional proceedings regarding the license of Anderson Exploration, LLC.

WHEREFORE, Staff moves the Commission to close this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on $\frac{1/15}{16}$, 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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