## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

In the matter of the failure of Perkins Oil Enterprises, Inc. ("Operator") to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-407 at the MKO Ranch #9, Pickell G #6 and Pickell #9 in Elk County, Kansas. Docket No.: 17-CONS-3249-CSHO CONSERVATION DIVISION License No.: 4448

## <u>PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S MOTION TO CONTINUE</u> <u>EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND ADJUST PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE</u>

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1. On November 22, 2016, the Commission issued an order designating a Prehearing Officer and setting a prehearing conference.

2. On January 5, 2017, following the prehearing conference, the Prehearing Officer set the procedural schedule.

3. On January 27, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Delay Pre-Filed Testimony Deadlines, informing the Commission that settlement is anticipated and requested a delay of its pre-filed direct testimony until February 6, 2017, and the Operator's testimony deadline be delayed to March 1, 2017.

4. On February 1, 2017, the Prehearing Officer granted Staff's motion.

5. On February 7, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Continue Evidentiary Hearing and Adjust the Procedural Schedule. Staff requested the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for March 16, 2017, be continued to April 20, 2017, and the pre-filed testimony deadlines adjusted accordingly. Staff further stated it is anticipated this matter will be resolved without the need for a hearing, and a continuance would assist in the efficient resolution of this docket.

6. Staff's motion indicated that Operator's counsel is not opposed to this motion.

7. Kansas law favors compromising and settling disputes.<sup>1</sup> Therefore for good cause

shown, Staff's motion is granted. The procedural deadlines are adjusted as follows:

Commission Staff's Pre-Filed Direct Testimony	Due by March 23, 2017
Operator's Pre-Filed Direct Testimony	Due by April 6, 2017
Commission Staff's Rebuttal Testimony	Due by April 13, 2017
Evidentiary Hearing	April 20, 2017, 10:00 am

## THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

Staff's Motion to Continue Evidentiary Hearing and Adjust Procedural Schedule is granted. The evidentiary hearing is rescheduled for April 20, 2017, and the parties' current procedural deadlines are set forth above in paragraph 7.

Dated: <u>February 17, 2017</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bright v. LSI Corp., 254 Kan. 853, 858 (1994).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 2/17/17, 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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