THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

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In the Matter of the Application of Merit Energy Company, LLC, for an order providing for the unitization and unit operation of the Griffin Cox Chester Unit in Haskell County, Kansas. Docket No.: 15-CONS-843-CUNI

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 32446

MOTION TO ESTABLISH A HEARING SCHEDULE

Commission Staff hereby submits this Motion to Establish a Hearing Schedule in this

matter. In support of the Motion, Staff respectfully states to the Commission as follows:

- 1. All parties attended a Prehearing Conference on June 25, 2015.
- 2. The parties were unable to agree on a hearing schedule.
- 3. The parties will be engaging in discovery, however Staff does not believe this

matter is so complicated that the hearing date needs to be unduly extended.

- 4. Staff proposes the following schedule:
 - a. August 14, 2015: End of Discovery;
 - b. August 21, 2015: Applicant's Prefiled Testimony;
 - c. September 11, 2015: Protestant's Prefiled Testimony;
 - d. September 25, 2015: Staff's Prefiled Testimony;
 - e. October 5, 2015: Rebuttal Prefiled Testimony; and
 - f. October 15, 2015: Evidentiary Hearing

5. These timeframes should accommodate all parties. Parties can begin their discovery immediately and, if they have not already done so, retain any necessary expert witnesses.

6. Staff believes the proposed schedule allows sufficient discovery and expert witness preparation time without delaying the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission enter an Order adopting Staff's proposed hearing schedule.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on <u>June 26, 2015</u>, I caused a complete and accurate copy of Staff's Motion to Establish a hearing Schedule, to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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