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## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the matter of the application of Casillas ) Petroleum Corp. for an exception to the ) 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for ) its Pleasant Prairie #53 well located in the ) NW/4 of Section 5, Township 27 South, Range ) 34 West, Haskell County, Kansas. Docket No.: 21-CONS-3154-CEXC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

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## MOTION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) files this Motion seeking the designation of a presiding officer and the scheduling of a prehearing conference in this matter. In support of its motion, Staff states the following:

1. On January 25, 2021, Casillas Petroleum Corp. (Operator) filed an application seeking an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Pleasant Prairie #53 well (Subject well), API #15-081-00026.

2. On April 21, 2021, Operator filed an affidavit of publication from The Haskell County Monitor-Chief and The Wichita Eagle.

3. Operator's application states Operator desires the Subject Well to be saved for potential future use as an injection well.<sup>1</sup>

4. Based on the information provided by Operator, Staff does not recommend approval of Operator's application at this time, and believes it would be appropriate for a presiding officer be assigned in order to further investigate Operator's plan for the well.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application for Casillas Petroleum Corp., ¶8 (Jan. 25, 2021).

WHEREFORE, for the reasons described above, Staff respectfully moves the Commission to issue an Order designating a presiding officer, and scheduling a prehearing conference that will allow further development of a procedural schedule in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Motion has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on <u>May 25, 2021</u>.

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