

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

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Docket No.: 22-CONS-3319-CEXC
Company, LLC for an exception to the 10-year)
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Gore) CONSERVATION DIVISION
D #1 well in the Northwest Quarter of the)
Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 35) License No.: 32446
South, Range 41 West, Morton County, Kansas.)

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

Commission Staff hereby 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 February 25, 2022, (Operator) filed an application seeking an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Gore D #1 well, API #15-129-10263 (Subject Well).

2. Upon review of the application, Legal Staff noted that a satisfactory casing integrity test needed to be performed on the Subject Well. On March 29, 2022, Staff sent a letter to Operator requesting a successful, Staff-witnessed casing integrity test be performed on the Subject Well by April 29, 2022. Operator thereafter requested and was granted an extension to test the Subject Well by July 15, 2022. To date, Staff has not received any indication that such a test has been performed.

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 and correct copy of the attached Motion for the Designation of a Presiding Officer and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on September 16, 2022.

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