THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

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In the matter of the failure of Peak Energy, LLC ("Operator") to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the L V Scott #1, Klink #1 and Klink #3 wells in Cowley County, Kansas. Docket No.: 17-CONS-3434-CPEN

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 32776

MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Commission Staff moves for the Commission to adopt and approve the attached

Settlement Agreement, which has been signed by both parties. Staff believes the Agreement

represents an appropriate manner of resolving the issues described therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between Peak Energy, LLC ("Operator") (License #32776) and Commission Staff ("Staff"). If the Commission does not approve this Agreement by a signed Order, then this Agreement shall not be binding on either party. This Agreement shall settle the proceedings in Commission Docket Number 17-CONS-3434-CPEN.

A. Background

1. On January 12, 2017, the Commission issued a Penalty Order against Operator, finding a total of three violations of K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the L V Scott #1, Klink #1 and Klink #3 wells (collectively "the subject wells"), assessing a \$300 penalty, and directing Operator, within 30 days, to plug the subject wells, return them to service, or obtain TA status for them. Operator filed a timely appeal.

2. Operator admits to the violations and agrees to pay the \$300 penalty, but requests additional time to bring the subject wells into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111. Staff is willing to enter into such an agreement.

B. Terms of Settlement

3. By April 15, 2017, Operator shall pay the \$300 penalty. By May 1, 2017,

Operator shall plug, return to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status for one of the subject wells. If Operator fails to comply with this deadline, then Operator shall be assessed a \$1,000 penalty. Operator shall plug, return to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status for one of the two remaining subject wells every 45 days thereafter (June 15, 2017 and July 31, 2017, respectively). If Operator fails to comply with either of these deadlines, then Operator shall be assessed a \$1,000 penalty. If any of the subject wells are not in compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111 by being plugged, returned to service, or having temporary abandonment status by

November 1, 2017, then Operator shall be assessed an additional \$5,000 penalty, and Staff may plug the wells and assess the costs to Operator.

4. If Operator fails to comply with any deadline in Paragraph 3, or if any costs or penalties are owed pursuant to this agreement, then Staff shall suspend Operator's license until compliance is obtained and full payment is made. If Staff finds Operator conducting oil and gas operations after 10 days from the date of the notice of license suspension letter, and Operator's license is still suspended, then Staff is authorized to seal all of operator's oil and gas operations and to assess an additional \$5,000.

5. Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal the Commission's Order approving this Agreement, any penalties or costs assessed under this Agreement, and any suspension of Operator's license implemented by Staff due to Operator's failure to comply with this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement shall remain binding upon Operator even if its interests in the subject wells are conveyed.

Commission Staff	Peak Energy, LLC
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on <u>March 24, 2017</u>, 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:

Jon R. Viets PO Box 1176 Independence, KS 67301 *Attorney for Peak Energy, LLC*

and delivered by e-mail to:

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