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Mr. John Meyers Kansas Corporation Commission 266 N. Main St., Suite 220 Wichita, KS 67202

RE: Docket # 17-CONS-3406-CPEN

Dear Mr. Meyer,

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CONSERVATION DIVISION WICHITA, KS

NPF Energy Corporation, requests a hearing regarding the above Docket Number Penalty Assessment of \$12,500.

The reason of this request is that NPF Energy has been working diligently with District 2 office of the KCC, along with the Land Owner's and Tenet Farmer's on the following parcels of land, Ouinn, Brainerd and Toews. NPF has employed the services of GSI Engineering, LLC. to do the initial remedial work plan and correspondence for the brine soil impacts of Oil leases near Potwin, Kansas. Doug Lewis, former executive with the KCC did the work for us and presented it to District 2's office, along with consultations with Pat H Cochran of NPF Energy Corporation and Jeff Klock of District 2's office. Initially, manure from the Haw Feed lot was worked into the soil per the "Work plan" as presented to District 2's office. A few months after the initial implementation of the "Work plan", District 2's Dave Bollenback wanted NPF Energy Corporation to implement the addition of gypsum amendment to the affected areas, much to the adverse reaction of the Landowner's, Farmer's and Tenant Farmer's, because they had already planted their crops and did not want the plantings to be disturbed. After District 2 consulted with the Landowner's, farmer's and Tenant Farmer's they backed off giving the farmers time to harvest their crops and time to rework their ground before adding the gypsum amendment. The gypsum amendment was done in November 2016 and the landowner's and Tenant Farmers wanted and agreed to do the work to work the gypsum into the affected areas in question. The work has been done and has been approved by District 2 and Jeff Klock.

All of the work that has been done by NPF Energy Corporation, to remediate the affective ground has been receive very favorably by the Landowner, Farmer's and Tenant Farmer's! NPF Energy Corporation has stayed in continuous contact with Landowner's, Farmer's and Tenant Farmer's to make sure that they have been satisfied with the work and progress that has been made on the affected properties. NPF Energy Corporation has spent considerable time and money to correct the brine spills.

NPF Energy Corporation feels that a fine is appropriate but only in the amount of \$1,000 per lease for a total of \$3,000, not the \$12,500 that was the initial proposed assessment.

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NPF Energy Corporation, request and prays that the Kansas Corporation Commission reduces the proposed penalty assessment of \$12,500 to \$3,000 and allow NPF Energy Corporation to pay the fine over a period of time. The last year has presented most operators in Kansas a financial hardship because of the low price of oil and we are all trying to survive and stay in business. NPF Energy Corporation has been an operator in Kansas since 1985 and has had a good reputation of operating wells in a good workman like manner.

This request is respectfully submitted with hopes that the KCC will work with NPF Energy Corporation on this matter.

With kindest regards, NPF Energy Corporation

Pat H. Cochran President