

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

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy Company, LLC for an order granting an exception of the oil production allowable assigned to its Black Knight 28-1 located in the SE/4 of Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 33 West, Haskell County, Kansas.	)	Docket No.: 21-CONS-3211-CALL
	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
	)	License No.: 32446

**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 April 7, 2021, Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator) filed an application under confidentiality seeking a special oil production allowable pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-203 for its Black Knight #28-1 well (Subject well), API #15-081-22198.

2. On April 20, 2021, Operator filed affidavits of publication from The Haskell County Monitor-Chief and Wichita Eagle.

3. Based on the confidentiality of the application filed 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 discuss Operator's application.

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 June 2, 2021.

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