## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Pat Apple

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In the matter of the application of Agricultural Energy Services, applicant, for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Diamond Sleeper 1-25 well located in the C W NW/4 SE/4 25-33-31W, Seward County, Kansas. ) Docket No.: 16-CONS-4029-CEXC

) CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 34089

# **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,

John McCannon, #08277 Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission 266 N. Main, Suite 220 Wichita, Kansas 67202 Phone: 316-337-6200; Fax: 316-337-6211

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 10/17/20/6, 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:

Karl F. Hirsch Hirsch, Heath & White, P.L.L.C. 901 Cedar Lake Boulevard Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114 Attorney for Agricultural Energy Services

Anthony T. Hunter 4715 W. Central Wichita, Kansas 67212 Attorney/or Warren F. Fox, ABC Trust, LP & LAL Trust, LP

And delivered by email to:

Jonathan R. Myers Conservation Division Central Office

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between Agricultural Energy Services ("Operator") (License #34089), Warren F. Fox, ABC Trust, LP & LAL Trust, LP (Protestants), and Commission Staff ("Staff"). If the Commission does not approve this Agreement by a signed order, this Agreement shall not be binding on any party. This Agreement shall settle the proceedings in Commission Docket Number 16-CONS-4029-CEXC.

#### A. Background

1. On May 16, 2016, Operator filed an application seeking an exception to the 10 year temporary abandonment regulation (K.A.R. 82-3-111) for its Diamond Sleeper 1-25 well in Seward County, Kansas.

2. On June 14, 2016, the protest was filed.

3. A Prehearing Conference Order was issued in the docket on September 20, 2016, that sets out the schedule to hear this matter on October 27, 2016.

4. The parties and Staff have reached an agreement to settle this matter.

## B. Terms of Settlement

5. Operator will have the Diamond Sleeper 1-25 well plugged in accordance with Commission regulations and district instructions before March 1, 2017.

6. The schedule for hearing this docket set out in Prehearing Officer Order of September 20, 2016, is suspended. Operator will dismiss its application in this docket and the docket will be closed.

7. If Operator fails to comply with the well plugging deadline, then Staff shall suspend Operator's license until compliance is obtained and Staff is authorized to assess a \$1,000.00 penalty. If Staff suspends Operator's license, then Staff shall send its standard notice of license suspension letter to Operator. 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.

8. Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal the Commission's Order approving this Agreement, any penalties assessed under this Agreement, and any suspension of Operator's license implemented due to Operator's failure to comply with this Agreement.

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Warren F. Fox ABC Trust, LP LAL Trust, LP

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Printed Name: WARREN F. FOX

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