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# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht

Jay Scott Emler

In the matter of a Compliance Agreement	)	Docket No.: 17-CONS-3659-CMSC
between Buffalo Oil & Gas, LLC (Operator)	)	
and Commission Staff regarding bringing the	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
subject wells in Cowley and Sumner Counties	)	
into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111.	)	License No.: 35191

# MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT A COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

Commission Staff moves for the Commission to adopt and approve the attached Compliance Agreement, which has been signed by both parties. Staff believes the Compliance Agreement represents an appropriate manner of resolving the issues described therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between Buffalo Oil & Gas, LLC ("Operator") (License #35191) and Commission Staff ("Staff"). If the Commission does not approve this Agreement by a signed order, this Agreement shall not be binding on either party.

#### A. Background

1. Operator is responsible for the 32 wells ("the subject wells") on the attached list. All of the wells are out of compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111. Operator has asked for an agreement to avoid penalties while Operator works to plug the wells, return them to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status for them. Staff is supportive of an agreement.

#### B. Terms of Compliance Agreement

- 2. By July 31, 2017, Operator shall plug, return to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status for 2 of the subject wells. Operator shall plug, return to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status for an additional 3 subject wells each three calendar months thereafter, resulting in all subject wells being returned to compliance by January 31, 2020.
- 3. If Operator fails to comply with any deadline described in Paragraph 2, then Operator shall be assessed a \$1,000 penalty for each missed deadline. 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 April 30, 2020, then Operator shall be assessed an additional \$2,500 penalty, and Staff may plug the wells and assess the costs to Operator.
- 4. If Operator fails to comply with any of the above paragraphs, or if penalties or costs are owed, then Staff shall suspend Operator's license until compliance is obtained and the penalties or costs are paid. 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 a 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 penalty.
- 5. Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal any future orders of the Commission regarding this matter, 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. However, any subject well transferred to another operator and then brought into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111 shall no longer be the responsibility of Operator under this

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Agreement, and shall count towards Operator meeting its compliance obligations under this Agreement.

- 6. Except as described by this Agreement, Staff will not pursue Operator for any violation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the subject wells that occurred or occurs prior to April 30, 2020, except for wells brought into compliance after Commission approval of this Agreement that again fall out of compliance that remain on Operator's license.
- 7. If Staff discovers additional wells, not listed on Operator's well inventory, on leases where wells subject to this Agreement are currently located, then this Agreement may be amended to add such additional wells with the written consent of both Operator and Staff. If this Agreement is amended then Staff must file a statement to that effect in the Commission docket that will be created for this matter, also stating that Operator is not opposed to the addition of the wells. The addition of wells will not change the number of wells to be brought into compliance each calendar quarter, but may extend the final compliance deadline.
- 8. Once this Agreement has been in effect for two years, Staff may reopen negotiation with Operator about the terms of this Agreement at any time, upon giving Operator written notice of Staff's intent to do so. If Staff and Operator are unable to agree to new terms, and to submit those terms to the Commission for approval, within 90 days of Staff's written notice, then this Agreement shall be null and void upon Staff filing a statement to that effect in the Commission docket that will be created for this matter.

Commission Staff	Buffalo Oil & Gas, LLC
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Date: 5-17-17	Date: 5-15-17

### Buffalo Oil Gas, LLC License 35191 List of Wells

	API#	Well name	Qtr calls	SEC	TWP	RNG	E/W	Cnty
1	15035239780000	Brant #2	E2W2SW	18	34	3	E	Cowley
2	15035212180000	Cannon #1 (Twin)	SWSWNW	19	34	3	Ε	Cowley
3	15035243170000	Collinson #1	S2SWNESE	30	34	3	E	Cowley
4	15035244800000	Collinson #2 PETE	E2SWNWSE	30	34	3	E	Cowley
5	15191203170000	Donley #5	NWSWSE	14	32	2	E	Sumner
6	15191212520000	Evans #2	SE/4	17	32	2	E	Sumner
7	15191213390000	Gifford # 4	NWSWNESW	22	31	1	Ε	Sumner
8	15191214000000	Gifford # 5	NENWNESW	22	31	1	E	Sumner
9	15191212700000	Gifford #2	NWNENWSW	22	31	1	E	Sumner
10	15191213230000	Gifford #3	W2W2SW	22	31	1	E	Sumner
11	15191209420000	Holt # 4	NWNWSESW	25	31	2	E	Sumner
12 '	15191220750000	Holt #6	SWNESESW	25	31	2	E	Sumner
13	15191212020001	Meredith #1	NWSENWNE	14	32	2	E	Sumner
14	15191214210000	N R Nelson #3	NWNWNWSE	25	31	2	Ε	Sumner
<b>1</b> 5	15191012290000	O Hara #5	NWSWNW	18	32	1	w	Sumner
16	15191012310000	O Hara #7	SWSESWNW	18	32	1	w	Sumner
17	15191012320000	O Hara #8	NWSENWNW	18	32	1	w	Sumner
18	15191205790000	O'Hara #11	NWSWSENW	18	32	1	w	Sumner
19	15191205790000	Rothwell #11	NESWNESW	14	32	2	Ε	Sumner
20	15191216600000	Rothwell #13	NENWNESW	14	32	2	E	Sumner
21	15191216930000	Rothwell #14	SENWNESW	14	32	2	E	Sumner
22	15191203790000	Rothwell #7	SENESW	14	32	2	E	Sumner
23	15191204300000	Rothwell #8	N2SWNESW	14	32	2	Ε	Sumner
24	15191120430000	Rothwell #9	NENESW	14	32	2	Ε	Sumner
25	15191220740000	Sandstrum #4	E2SESWSE	24	31	2	Ε	Sumner

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26	15035240890000	Swanson #2	NESWSESW	18	34	3	E	Cowley
27	15191222310000	Warner #3-A	NESWSENE	24	34	2	E	Sumner
28	15191107250000	Wiles #10 Twin	SENENWNE	25	31	2	E	Sumner
29	15191107230000	Wiles #4	NENWNENE	25	31	2	E	Sumner
30	15191206800002	Woods #1	SWNENENW	36	31	2	E	Sumner
31	15191216550000	Woods #5	NESESENW	36	31	2	E	Sumner
32	15191216560000	Woods #6	SENENENW	36	31	2	E	Sumner

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on	5/18/	17_	, I caused a complete and accurate copy
			with the postage prepaid and properly
addressed to the following:	•		

William D. Short Jr. Buffalo Oil & Gas, LLC PO Box 6 Oxford, KS 67119

and delivered by e-mail to:

Dan Fox KCC District #2

Jonathan R. Myers KCC Central Office

/s/ Paula J. Murray
Paula J. Murray
Legal Assistant
Kansas Corporation Commission