THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of the Notice of Denial of License Application Issued to Ernie D. Pratt. Docket No: 17-CONS-3475-CMSC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No. N/A

MOTION TO CANCEL PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND CLOSE DOCKET

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) files this *Motion to Close Docket*. In support of its Motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On January 17, 2017, Operator submitted an application for a license.

2. On January 18, 2017, Commission Staff denied Operator's license application because Mr. Pratt's expired license #35165 had unplugged wells remaining on it, and because of Mr. Pratt's association with Mico Oil & Gas, License #9102, which was suspended pursuant to the Commission's Default Order in Docket 16-CONS-291-CSHO.

3. On February 2, 2017, Mr. Pratt timely requested a hearing.

4. On March 2, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference, setting a prehearing conference for March 23, 2017. The matter was continued multiple times and is currently set for a February 22, 2018, prehearing conference.

5. On July 21, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement. The settlement agreement would have required Mr. Pratt to plug the Leland Murrow #2-91, API #15-011-22733, by October 31, 2017, in return for Staff immediately processing Mr. Pratt's license application. The Commission has not yet taken any action on Staff's motion.

6. On January 24, 2018, Mr. Pratt plugged the Leland Murrow #2-91, thus resolving the final issue that had caused Mico Oil & Gas, License #9102, to be suspended pursuant to Docket 16-CONS-291-CSHO. Further, as noted in the July 21, 2017, Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement, Mr. Pratt has tendered an acceptable Transfer of Operator T-1 form for the two unplugged wells remaining on License #35165. Thus, Mr. Pratt has resolved all issues that had caused his license application to be denied. Accordingly, Staff has now processed his license application.

WHEREFORE, as no issues remain to be resolved, Staff respectfully moves the Commission for the prehearing conference to be canceled and for this docket to be closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)) ss. COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

Jonathan R. Myers, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas; that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Motion*, and attests that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Jonathan R. Myers, S. Ct. #25975 Litigation Counsel State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2 day of 1, 2018.

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My Appointment Expires: 3/07/19

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 2/7/18, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Motion to be served electronically and via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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