

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application of Merit) Docket No.: 15-CONS-843-CUNI
Energy Company, LLC, for an order)
providing for the unitization and unit) CONSERVATION DIVISION
operation of the Griffin Cox Chester Unit in)
Haskell County, Kansas.) License No.: 32446

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER
& SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

1. On May 6, 2015, Merit Energy filed an application for unitization of the Griffin Cox Chester Unit. On May 19, 2015, the Commission received a protest from Abercrombie Energy, LLC, objecting to the application.

2. The Commission finds that a Prehearing Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b). The Commission also finds that an initial prehearing conference should be scheduled in this matter.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Jonathan R. Myers, Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main, Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, telephone number 316-337-6200, email address j.myers.kcc.ks.gov.

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2015. The Prehearing Conference shall begin at 1:30 p.m. and end by 2:30 p.m., at the Commission's offices, 266 N. Main, Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Telephonic attendance may be permitted. The Prehearing Conference will focus on the development of a procedural schedule.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, scheduling of a hearing with the Commission, and any other issues that will promote the orderly and prompt resolution of this proceeding.

D. At the Prehearing Conference, without further notice, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of this matter as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act ("KAPA"). Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding shall be held in default under the KAPA.

E. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2), corporations must enter an appearance via an attorney. If a corporation fails to enter an appearance via an attorney prior to the Prehearing Conference, it shall be held in default under the KAPA.

F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is John McCannon, telephone number 316-337-6200, email address j.mccannon@kcc.ks.gov.

G. Any person requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should give notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: JUN 2 2015



Amy L. Gilbert
Secretary

Mailed Date: Jun 2 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 2 2015, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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