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

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Company, LLC for an exception to the 10-year) time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Winter) Morrow Unit #105W well in the South Half of the) Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of) Section 13, Township 33 South, Range 43 West, Morton County, Kansas.

Docket No.: 23-CONS-3003-CEXC

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MOTION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A PRESIDING OFFICER AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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Commission Staff hereby 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 July 8, 2022, (Operator) filed an application seeking an exception to the 10-year

time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Winter Morrow Unit #105W well, API #15-129-21741 (Subject Well).

2. Upon review of the application, Legal Staff noted that a satisfactory casing integrity test needed to be performed on the Subject Well. On October 20, 2022, Staff sent a letter to Operator requesting a successful, Staff-witnessed casing integrity test be performed on the Subject Well by November 17, 2022. To date, Staff has not received any indication that such a test has been performed.

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 and correct copy of the attached Motion for the Designation of a Presiding Officer and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on December 21, 2022.

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