

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

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Docket No.: 24-CONS-3399-CEXC
Company, LLC, for an exception to the 10-year)
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its) CONSERVATION DIVISION
McCoy #1 well in the Southwest Quarter of the)
Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 26) License No.: 32446
South, Range 32 West, Finney County, Kansas.)

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

Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff and Commission, respectively) moves the Commission for the designation of a presiding officer and the scheduling of a prehearing conference in this matter. In support of its motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On June 28, 2024, Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator) filed an application seeking an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its McCoy #1 well, API #15-055-20511 (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 August 30, 2024, Staff sent a letter to Operator's Counsel requesting a successful, Staff-witnessed casing integrity test be performed on the Subject Well by September 30, 2024. Operator's Counsel then requested and was granted an extension to late October/early November. On December 6, 2024, the Subject Well failed its casing integrity test which prevents Staff from recommending Operator's application be granted.

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 has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on December 16, 2024.

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