

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

Before Commissioners:                      Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
   Jay Scott Emler  
   Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter the Application of Merit	)	Docket No: 18-CONS-3376-CWLE
Energy Company, LLC, for the	)	
Assignment of and a Location Exception	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
for the River Bend 5 Well Located 186'	)	
FNL and 280' FEL of Lot 1, Section 27,	)	License No: 32446
Township 24 South, Range 32 West, in	)	
Finney County, Kansas.	)	

**PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER CLOSING DOCKET**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer finds and concludes as follows:

1. On May 9, 2018, Merit Energy Company, LLC (Applicant) filed an Application seeking an assignment of and a location exemption for the River Bend 5 well located in Finney County, Kansas.<sup>1</sup>
2. On May 18, 2018, Manuel Corporation and Beresco Properties, Inc. filed a protest.<sup>2</sup>
3. On June 28, 2018, the Commission designated a Prehearing Officer pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c) to address matters in accordance with K.S.A. 77-516-517 and scheduled the matter for a prehearing conference on July 17, 2018.<sup>3</sup>
4. On July 3, 2018, the Applicant filed a Motion to Withdraw Application Without Prejudice.

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<sup>1</sup> Application (May 9, 2018).

<sup>2</sup> Protest of Manuel Corporation and Beresco Properties, Inc. (May 18, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference at 1-2 (June 28, 2018).

5. The Applicant seeks to withdraw the Application on its own motion. Therefore, there is no need for further Commission action. Pursuant to the Prehearing Officer's delegation under K.S.A. 77-551(c) to handle procedural matters pursuant to K.S.A. 77-517(b), the Prehearing Officer finds that the motion should be granted and the prehearing conference set for July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. is cancelled and the docket should be closed.

**THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:**

A. The Prehearing Conference scheduled for July 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. is cancelled and this Docket shall be closed.

B. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

Dated: July 12, 2018

//s Dustin L. Kirk  
Prehearing Officer

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on 07/12/2018.

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