THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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2016-05-24 09:53:34 Kansas Corporation Commission /s/ Amy L. Green

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Before	Com	nis	sioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Pat Apple

In the matter of a Compliance Agreement between Barracuda Operating Company and Commission Staff regarding bringing 2 wells on the Bessie May lease in Graham County into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111. Docket No.: 16-CONS-4047-CMSC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 33593

MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT <u>A COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT</u>

Commission Staff moves for the Commission to adopt and approve the attached

Compliance Agreement, which has been signed by both parties. The Agreement's reduced size

on the page makes it somewhat difficult to read, so Staff has also attached an unsigned, larger-

print, but otherwise identical copy for ease of reading. Staff believes the Compliance Agreement

represents an appropriate manner of resolving the issues described therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jonathan R. Myers, #25975 Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission 266 N. Main, Suite 220 Wichita, Kansas 67202 Phone: 316-337-6200; Fax: 316-337-6211

COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between Barracuda Operating Company ("Operator") (License #33593) and Commission Staff ("Staff"). If the Commission does not approve this Agreement by a signed order, this Agreement shall not be binding on either party.

A. Background

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B. Terms of Compliance Agreement

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3. If Operator fails to comply with any deadline in any of the above paragraphs, or if penalties or costs are owed, then Staff shall suspend Operator's license until compliance is obtained and the penalties or costs are paid. If Staff suspends Operator's license, then Staff shall send its standard notice of license suspension letter to Operator. If Staff finds Operator conducting oil and gas operations after 10 days from the date of a notice of license suspension

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letter, and Operator's license is still suspended, then Staff is authorized to seal all of Operator's oil and gas operations and to assess an additional \$10,000 penalty.

4, Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal any future orders of the Commission regarding this matter, any penalties or costs assessed under this Agreement, and any suspension of Operator's license implemented by Staff due to Operator's failure to comply with this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement shall remain binding upon Operator even if its interests in the subject wells are conveyed.

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C. Conclusion

Both parties believe this Agreement fairly resolves the matters at issue.

Commission Staff By: Con Myers By: Bo Mall Printed Name: JON MYERS Printed Name: Bran Crabel Title: LITIGATION COUNSEL Title: President Date: 5/24/16 Date: 5-21-14

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Commission Staff	Barracuda Operating Company
By:	By:
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

5/24/16

I certify that on 5124116, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Motion to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Brian Gabel Barracuda Operating Company P.O. Box 405 Ness City, Kansas 67560

And delivered by email to:

Rich Williams KCC District #4

And delivered by hand to:

Lane Palmateer Conservation Division Central Office

Paula Murray

Legal Assistant Kansas Corporation Commission