## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of Plains Pipeline, L.P.'s ) Application for Approval, Pursuant to K.A.R. ) Docket No. 17-PPLP-525-TAR 82-10-2, of Tariff K.C.C. No. 5.12.0 )

#### SUSPENSION ORDER: JANUARY 22, 2018

NOW, the above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On May 25, 2017, Plains Pipeline, L.P. (Plains), a common carrier under K.S.A.

66-105, filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval of tariff K.C.C. No. 5.12.0. The proposed tariff increases rates for intrastate gathering and transportation of crude petroleum based upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) indexing methodology, and cancels the rates for two routes that are no longer in service. Plains indicates that the rate increases will amount to an annual increase in revenue of \$9,306, based upon historical volumes. Plains requests that the Commission grant an effective date of July 1, 2017, for its request.

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part: "The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not

suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date."

3. A full investigation of the proposed tariff changes, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the proposed changes should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of any potential effectiveness of the rates and/or terms proposed by Plains is required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effective date of the rates and/or terms proposed shall be suspended for a period not to exceed 240 days from the date the Application was made, May 25, 2017, until January 22, 2018. A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

### IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Any decision regarding Plains' proposed tariff adjustments shall be deferred until
January 22, 2018. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if service of this order is by mail, from the date this order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration of any issue or issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of issuing such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary.

# BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUN\_ 0 6 2017

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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

first class mail/hand delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ JUN 0 6 2017

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