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# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair

Jay Scott Emler

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AND A CONTRACT CONTRACT
et No.: 15-CONS-282-CPEN
SERVATION DIVISION
se No.: 32044

### MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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

Settlement Agreement, which has been signed by both parties. Staff believes that the Settlement

Agreement represents a fair and efficient manner of resolving the issues described therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement is between Trimble & Maclaskey Oil LLC ("Operator") and the Staff of the Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff"). The effective date of this Settlement Agreement shall be the date it is approved by an Order of the Commission. If the Commission does not approve this Settlement Agreement by a signed Order, then this Settlement Agreement shall not be binding on either party. This Settlement Agreement shall settle the proceedings instituted in Commission Docket Number 15-CONS-282-CPEN.

#### A. Background

- 1. The October 7, 2014, Penalty Order in this docket required Operator to pay \$4,000 for a total of four violations of K.A.R. 82-3-400, at four wells. Operator filed a timely appeal.
- 2. Operator reports that it submitted erroneous data regarding one of the four wells. Operator has submitted an updated Annual Fluid Injection Report ("U3C") for the well. Operator has described the circumstances that led to inadvertent over-injection at the other three wells. The circumstances have been resolved to the satisfaction of Staff.
- 3. In light of the foregoing, Staff recommends that the penalty in this docket should be reduced.

#### B. Terms of Settlement

- 4. Instead of paying \$4,000, Operator shall pay \$2,000 in this docket, which shall be due within 30 days from the date this Settlement Agreement is approved by an Order of the Commission.
- 5. The Commission shall find that Operator committed three violations of K.A.R. 82-3-400 and one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-409, rather than four violations of K.A.R. 82-3-400.

6. Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal any future orders of the Commission regarding this matter, or any suspension of Operator's license implemented by Commission Staff due to Operator's failure to comply with this Settlement Agreement.

#### C. Conclusion

Both parties believe that this Settlement Agreement represents a fair and appropriate resolution to the matters in this docket, and that the Settlement Agreement accomplishes the Commission's duty to enforce Kansas laws pertaining to the protection of usable waters and the prevention of pollution caused by oil and gas activities.

This Settlement Agreement has been agreed to by the undersigned:

Commission Staff	Trimble & Maclasky Oil LLC
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Date: 11 / 7 / 14	Date: 11/07/14

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on
Randall L. Trimble Trimble & Maclaskey Oil LLC 110 South Street PO Box 171 Gridley, Kansas 66852
And delivered by hand to:
Alan Snider Conservation Division Central Office

Jonathan R. Myers Litigation Counsel Kansas Corporation Commission