

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

In the Matter of the Application of Neal LaFon Realty Inc. dba Meridian Energy Inc. for an Order Authorizing the Unitization and Unit Operation of the Simon Says Unit to be located in Rawlins County, Kansas.)	Docket No.: 22-CONS-3422-CUNI
)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
)	License No.: 33937

RESPONSE TO OPERATOR'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS

Comes now Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) in response to the Meridian Energy Motion for Summary Proceedings filed on behalf of Neal Lafon Realty Inc. dba Meridian Energy Inc. (Operator) on June 14, 2022. In support, Staff states the following:

1. On May 9, 2022, Operator filed their application requesting an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Simon Says Unit in Rawlins County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq.¹
2. Notice was properly served and met the requirements of K.S.A. 55-1310, K.S.A. 55-605, and K.A.R. 82-3-135a. No protests or objections have been submitted to the Commission in this matter.
3. May 24, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference scheduling the prehearing conference.²
4. On June 14, 2022, Operator filed a motion for summary proceedings (Motion) in lieu of an evidentiary hearing as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).³

¹ Neal LaFon Realty Inc. dba Meridian Energy Inc. Application (May 9, 2022).

² Order Designating Presiding Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference (May 24, 2022).

³ Meridian Energy Motion for Summary Proceedings (June 14, 2022).

5. Staff has reviewed Operator's Application in this matter. Staff is satisfied that the grant of such Application complies with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. As such, Staff has no objection to the Motion because it appears the KAPA notice and hearing requirements mandated by K.S.A. 55-1303 and K.S.A. 55-1304 are met, and Operator's application qualifies for summary proceedings under K.S.A. 77-537.

In conclusion, for the reasons described above, Staff recommends approval of the Operator's Application for the Unitization of the Simon Says Unit as the Application will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and that there does not appear to be any current pollution threat.

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 Response to Operator's Motion for Summary Proceedings has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on June 21, 2022.

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