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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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In the matter of the failure of Eagle Creek)	Docket No.: 15-CONS-858-CPEN
Resources, LLC ("Operator") to comply with)	
K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the McCraner C #1,)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Mulnix #1 and Moore B #5 wells in Butler)	
County, Kansas.)	License No.: 33974

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 Eagle Creek Resources, LLC ("Operator")

(License #33974), 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 in Commission Docket Number 15-CONS-858-CPEN.

A. Background

- 1. On May 19, 2015, the Commission issued a Penalty Order in this docket, requiring Operator to pay \$300 for three violations of K.A.R. 82-3-111. The Penalty Order required Operator to bring the McCraner C #1, Mulnix #1, and Moore B #5 wells into compliance with Commission regulations by plugging the wells, returning them to service, or obtaining temporary abandonment status for the wells.
- 2. On June 8, 2015, Operator paid the \$300 penalty. On June 12, 2015, Operator plugged the McCraner C #1. On June 22, 2015, Operator's deadline to appeal the Penalty Order elapsed without an appeal being filed. On July 1, 2015, Staff suspended Operator's license pursuant to the terms of the Penalty Order.
- 3. Staff reports that the Mulnix #1 and Moore B #5 are located in a field of corn. The landowner requests that the wells not be plugged until the corn can be harvested. Operator acknowledges its obligation to plug the wells. Operator was in contact with Staff regarding these matters before the Penalty Order's appeal deadline passed, but there was some miscommunication and/or misunderstanding about what was necessary to receive an extended deadline. Staff is comfortable with an extended deadline.

B. Terms of Settlement

- 4. Operator's license shall be reinstated effective immediately. Operator shall plug the Mulnix #1 and Moore B #5 wells by November 30, 2015. If Operator fails to comply with this deadline, then Staff is directed to assess an additional \$2,500 penalty.
- 5. If Operator fails to comply with the deadline in Paragraph 4, then Staff shall suspend Operator's license until compliance is obtained and any additional penalty or penalties are paid. If Staff suspends Operator's license, then Staff shall send its standard notice of license suspension letter to Operator.
- 6. If Staff finds Operator conducting oil and gas operations after 10 days from the date of a notice of license suspension letter, and Operator's license is still suspended, then Staff is authorized to seal all of Operator's oil and gas operations, and is directed to assess an additional \$10,000 penalty.
- 7. Operator agrees to waive its right to appeal any suspension of Operator's license implemented by Staff, or any additional penalty assessed due to Operator's failure to comply with this Settlement Agreement.
- 8. If the Mulnix #1 and Moore B #5 wells are not in compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111 by December 31, 2015, then Staff is directed to plug any of the wells not in compliance and to assess all costs incurred to Operator, along with an additional \$10,000 penalty.
- 9. The terms of this Settlement Agreement shall remain binding upon Operator even if its interests in the subject wells are conveyed.

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	Eagle Creek Resources, LLC
By: Jon Myers	By: Jody Cod
Printed Name: JW MYERS	Printed Name: Anthony Cook
Title: LITIGATION COUNSEL	Title: Partner
Date: 7/20/15	Date: 7/20/2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 7/3/1/5 of this Motion to be served via United States mail, with the addressed to the following:	, I caused a complete and accurate copy he postage prepaid and properly
Anthony E. Cook Eagle Creek Resources, LLC PO Box 377 Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143	
Jeff Klock KCC District #2	
And delivered by hand to:	
Lane Palmateer Conservation Division Central Office	

Paula Murray Legal Assistant Kansas Corporation Commission