THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

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In the matter of the application of Eastern Kansas Operating, LLC, for authorization to impose a vacuum on its Someday Lease located in Section 12, Township 16 South, Range 24 East, Miami County, Kansas. Docket No.: 18-CONS-3112-CVAC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 34971

MOTION FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A PREHEARING OFFICER AND THE SCHEDULING OF A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) files this Motion seeking the designation of a prehearing officer and scheduling a prehearing conference in this matter. In support of its motion, Staff states as follows:

I. Background

1. On August 21, 2017, Operator filed an application seeking authorization to install a vacuum on two wells on the Someday Lease.

2. On September 8, 2017, Operator provided an affidavit of publication of notice in the Miami County Republic, and on September 14, 2017, Operator provided an affidavit of publication of notice in the Wichita Eagle.

II. Argument

3. Upon review of the application, Staff believes that at least one of the two wells is less than the required 330 feet away from a lease or unit boundary line, without a well location exception, and therefore in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-108. In addition, Staff believes it may have additional concerns regarding the application, which may be fleshed out as this matter develops.

III. Conclusion

4. Based upon the above, Staff does not recommend approval of Operator's application at this time, and believes it would be appropriate for this matter to be set for an evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons described above, Staff respectfully requests an Order designating a prehearing officer and scheduling a prehearing conference, in anticipation of an evidentiary hearing where Staff may recommend denial of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

for Thyers

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)) ss. COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

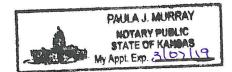
Jonathan R. Myers, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states that he is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas; that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Motion*, and attests that the statements therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Jonathán R. Myers, S. Ct. #25975 Litigation Counsel State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2nd day of Oct., 2017.

Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 3/07/19



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on $\frac{D}{D}$, 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:

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