## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair Jay Scott Emler Pat Apple

In the matter of the failure of Drake ) Exploration, LLC to comply with K.A.R. ) 82-3-603 at the Mitchell Lease Tank ) Battery in Sumner County, Kansas ) Docket No. 16-CONS-512-CPEN CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 33556

## **REQUEST FOR HEARING**

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COMES NOW Drake Exploration, LLC ("Drake"), described as the "Operator" in the Penalty Order issued in this docket, by and through its counsel of record and requests a hearing in this docket. In support of this Request, Drake submits the following.

1. This Penalty Order calls for a \$1,000.00 penalty, and potentially additional penalties if the spill, which was properly reported to the district office, was not remedied in a timely manner.

2. The basis for the violation is concerned with an allegation that the Operator did not clean up the spill as required under K.A.R. 82-3-603. The Operator did not understand that the spill needed to be remedied within any particular time period.

3. The spill in question has been completely remedied under the direction of the appropriate district office of this Commission. Because the spill was properly reported and the spill was remedied in a timely manner, Drake requests that the penalties in this Penalty Order be rescinded in their entirety, or in the alternative, that this matter be set for hearing so that Drake can show the reason why it did not remedy the spill prior to August 17, 2015, the basis for the alleged violation.

WHEREFORE, Drake Exploration, LLC requests that the penalty be rescinded or that it be allowed to take this matter to hearing.

Respectfully submitted, MARTIN, PRINGLE, OLIVER, WALLACE & BAUER, L.L.P.

By:

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## **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS ) ) ss. COUNTY OF SEDGWICK )

Jeff Kennedy of lawful age and being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and states:

That Jeff Kennedy, counsel for Drake Exploration, LLC, has read the above and foregoing Request for Hearing and that the statements and averments contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this 23rd day of September, 2015.



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My appointment expires:

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 23rd day of September, 2015, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Request for Hearing was mailed via U.S. Postal service to:

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