

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

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of the Application of Black) Docket No: 18-CONS-3119-CMSC
Gold Oil, LLC for an Operator's License.)
) CONSERVATION DIVISION
)
_____) License No: Not Issued

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER AND
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. On August 29, 2017, the Commission issued an *Order Denying Application for License* to Black Gold Oil, LLC (Applicant).¹ The *Order* found the Applicant's application does not meet the requirements of K.S.A. 55-155 and K.A.R. 82-3-120.²

2. On September 12, 2017, John R. Horst, on behalf of the Applicant, filed his Entry of Appearance and Request for Hearing.³

3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c), the Commission finds that a Prehearing Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b), and a Prehearing Conference should be scheduled.

4. Although a Prehearing Officer is designated in this docket, parties are still required to file pleadings with the Commission, and filings shall be made with the Commission's Docket Room before 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service. Any electronic service received

¹ *Order Denying Application for License* (Aug. 29, 2017).

² *Id.*, ¶ 6.

³ Entry of Appearance and Request for Hearing (Sept. 12, 2017).

after the deadline set forth in the procedural schedule, or any filing made after 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service, shall be accompanied by a Motion to File Out-of-Time.

5. The Commission requests the parties consent to electronic service in this proceeding by emailing the Prehearing Officer to affirm your consent.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Michael J. Duenes, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas, 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3181, email address m.duenes@kcc.ks.gov. The Commission may designate other Staff members to serve in this capacity.

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN: 7632914771#.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, scheduling of a hearing with the Commission, and any other issues that will promote the orderly and prompt resolution of this proceeding.

D. At the Prehearing Conference, without further notice, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of this matter as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA). Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the KAPA.⁴

E. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.⁵

⁴ K.S.A. 77-506; K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7)-(8).

⁵ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

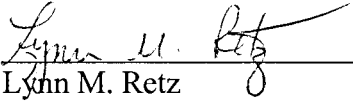
F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Jon Myers, Litigation Counsel, telephone number (316) 337-6245, j.myers@kcc.ks.gov.

G. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: OCT 10 2017



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: October 10, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 10/10/17, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served electronically and via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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/s/ Paula J. Murray
Paula J. Murray
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Kansas Corporation Commission