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# LEGAL SECTION THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman

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In the matter of a Motion to Intervene	)Docket No:16-CONS4131CSHO
and for Dismissal of for Substitution and	)
Addition of Proper and necessary Parties	)
to Summer Sun Gas LLC ("Operator")	CONSERVATON DIVISION
Regarding responsibility under K.S.A. 55-179	)
for plugging the Brown #2 well in Chautauqua	)
County, Kansas.	License No: 6880

# MOTION TO INTERVENE AND FOR DISMISSAL OR REALIGNMENT OF PARTIES

Gary D. Cude' and Summer Sun Gas, Inc., each of 408 S. School, P.O. Box 339, Sedan, Kansas 67361 (collectively "Movants") inform the Commission as follows:

## I. Background

- 1. Gary Cude' formerly did business as Summer Sun Gas, a licensed Kansas oil and gas well operator, License No. 6880.
- 2. Gary D. Cude' drilled the Brown #2 well, API 15-019-23792 in 1982. The well had a show of gas, but was deemed incapable of producing sufficient commercial quantities to justify the infrastructure necessary to collect, process and transport the gas for his commercial use.
- 3. On November 25, 1986 Gary D. Cude' entered into an Agreement with George Lowell Brown and Barbara Jean Brown, the fee owners of the land on which the Brown #2 is located, providing for the fee owners assumption of responsibility for the plugging of the well, which the fee owners intended to convert to use as a domestic gas well. A true and correct copy of the Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". George

Lowell Brown and Barbara Jean Brown subsequently died, and by inheritance their sons, John Brown of 2074 Indian Rd, Sedan, KS 67361 and Ronald R. Brown, 409 S. Chautauqua, Sedan, KS 67361, now own and occupy the fee.

- 4. Subsequently, Summer Sun Gas. LLC assumed the oil and gas business and assets of Gary D. Cud', but said company was dissolved in 2002.
- 5. Summer Sun Gas, Inc., Operator's License No. 33067, was formed in 2001, and assumed the oil and gas business and assets of Summer Sun Gas, LLC.
- 6. Commission Staff has directed Summer Sun Gas, LLC, plug the Brown #2, and has brought these proceedings to enforce its directive.
- 7. Movants have endeavored to gain access to the fee land upon which the Brown #2 is located, but have been refused access by the fee owners who declare that the Brown #2 belongs to them and they will not allow it to be plugged.
- 8. Movants have attempted to enlist the aid of Commission Staff to obtain access, but Commission Staff is likewise denied access by the fee owners.

### II. Intervention

9. Movants should be allowed to intervene herein as the real parties in interest.

#### III. Dismissal

- 10. John Brown and Ronald E. Brown have assumed complete dominion and control over the Brown #2, (as they are entitled to do as successors to the November 25, 1986 Agreement above described).
- 11. John Brown and Ronald E. Brown are the de facto operators of the Brown #2.
- 12. Accordingly, these proceedings should be dismissed as against Summer Sun Oil & Gas, LLC and as against Movants.

### IV. Substitution

13. In the alternative to dismissal, John Brown and Ronald E. Brown, as the de facto operators of the Brown #2, should be substituted herein as the operator as against whom the obligation to plug is sought to be enforced.

#### V. Additional Parties

14. In the alternative to dismissal and/or substitution, John Brown and Ronald E. Brown should be joined as additional parties so that the Commission can adjudicate responsibility for the Brown #2.

WHEREFORE, Movants request they be permitted to intervene; that the proceedings be dismissed, or in the alternative John Brown and Ronald E. Brown be substituted herein; or, in the alternative John Brown and Ronald E. Brown be joined as additional parties to these proceedings.

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## Certificate of Mailing

I certify that on October 6, 2016 I mailed the original and (6) copies of the foregoing Motion to:

Patti Peterson-Klein, Executive Director State Corporation Commission Conservation Division 266 N. Main, Ste. 220 Wichita, KS 67202 And mailed copies thereof to each of the following:

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#### AGREEMENT

THIS ACCUMENT made and entered into this 25th day of Rovember, 1985, by and between George Louell Brown and Barbera Jean Brown, his wife, of RFD, Sedan, Chautauqua County, Kansas, Parties of the First Part, and Gary D. Gude' of Sedam, Chautauqua County, Kansas, Party of the Second Part.

MMERICAS, by an oil and gas lease dated June 7, 1980, Partics of the First Fart did make, execute, and deliver to W. M. Buffine, an oil and gas lease novering the following described real estate located in Chautauqua County, Kensas, to wit:

(See description of real estate attached.)

said lease being for a primary term of three years. That by verious assignments, said oil and gas lease was assigned to Gary D. Gude's that gas wells were drilled upon said property, but are no longer operated by the lesses or his assigns, so that said oil and gas lease has terminated by its own terms and conditions, but that said wells have never been plugged and it is the desire of Parties of the First Part that they be not plugged and said Parties of the First Part are willing to assume the responsibility for the operation of said wells, if they are to be operated, and the responsibility for plugging said wells in accordance with the Rules and Ragulations of the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the release of said lease and the transfer of all right, title, and interest in and to said wells to Parties of the First Part by Party of the Second Part, Parties of the First Part do hereby assume the responsibility for the operation of said wells, should they be operated, and for the abandonment and plugging of said wells in the event that they are required to be plugged, and do hereby relieve Party of the Second Part from any and all further responsibility for said gas wells, their operation or abandonment.

IN WITHESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands as of the day and year first above written.

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IN SITMESS WHEREOF, I have because out my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

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