### 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 Hat Production, ) LLC, to authorize injection of saltwater into the ) Lamotte Sandstone formation at the Post Lease, ) Well #SWD-1, located in Section 30, Township ) 23 South, Range 24 East, Bourbon County, Kansas. ) Docket No. 18-CONS-3207-CUIC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 34045

# ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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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 October 9, 2017, Hat Production LLC (Operator) filed an Application to authorize injection of saltwater into the Lamotte Sandstone formation at the Post Lease, Bourbon County, Kansas.<sup>1</sup>

2. On October 16, 2017, Susan Royd-Sykes filed a letter of protest and a letter requesting hearing on October 27, 2017.

3. The Commission finds that a Prehearing Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address matters pursuant to K.S.A. 77-516-517.<sup>2</sup> The Commission also finds that a prehearing conference should be scheduled in this matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application for Injection Well (Oct. 9, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See K.S.A. 77-551(c).

#### THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Dustin L. Kirk, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, telephone number 785-271-3198, email address <u>d.kirk@kcc.ks.gov</u>.

B. A Prehearing Conference shall be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:00
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, and scheduling of a hearing with the Commission.

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), K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq*. Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default pursuant to KAPA.

E. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.<sup>3</sup>

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: DEC 5 2017

Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DEC 6 2017 DLK/sc

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail/hand-delivered on **DEC 5** 2017.

Michael Thompson HAT Production LLC 12371 KS Hwy 7 Mound City, KS 66056

Susan Royd-Sykes 504 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Burlington, KS 66839

And via e-mail to:

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/s/ DeeAnn Shupe DeeAnn Shupe

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