

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

In the Matter of the Application of Pantera) Docket No.: 22-CONS-3069-CUNI
Energy Company for an Order Authorizing the)
Unitization and Unit Operation of the Ryus) CONSERVATION DIVISION
East Morrow Unit to be located in Grant)
County, Kansas.) License No.: 35681

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT’S MOTION FOR SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS

Comes now Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) in response to the Motion for Summary Proceedings filed on behalf of Pantera Energy Company (Operator). In support of Staff’s response, Staff states the following:

1. On August 9, 2021, Operator filed its application requesting an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Ryus East Morrow Unit in Grant County, Kansas, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq.¹

2. Notice was properly served and met the requirements of K.S.A. 55-1310, K.S.A. 55-605, and K.A.R. 82-3-135a. No protests or objections have been submitted to the Commission in this matter.

3. On August 17, 2021, an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference was issued scheduling the prehearing conference for Thursday, September 2, 2021.²

4. On August 31, 2021, Operator filed its Motion for Summary Proceedings (Motion) for the Commission to consider as an alternative to holding a formal evidentiary hearing provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA).³

¹ Application – Pantera Energy Company (Aug. 9, 2021).

² Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference (Aug. 17, 2021).

³ Pantera Energy Company Motion for Summary Proceedings (Aug. 31, 2021).

5. Staff has had the opportunity to completely review the Operator's Application in this matter. Staff is satisfied that the grant of such Application complies with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. As such, Staff has no objection to the Motion because it appears the KAPA notice and hearing requirements mandated by K.S.A. 55-1303 and K.S.A. 55-1304 are met, and Operator's application qualifies for summary proceedings under K.S.A. 77-537.

In Conclusion, for the reasons described above, Staff recommends approval of the Operator's Application for the Unitization of the Ryus East Morrow Unit in order to prevent waste and protect correlative rights. Additionally, it does not appear that the granting of Operator's application will cause any pollution.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Response to Applicant's Motion for Summary Proceedings has been served to the following by means of electronic service on September 8, 2021.

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