

BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CASE NO. 21604
ORDER NO. 23958

IN THE MATTER OF A HEARING CALLED ON
A MOTION OF THE COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF MUREX
PETROLEUM CORP. FOR AN ORDER
AMENDING THE APPLICABLE ORDERS FOR
THE WRITING ROCK-BAKKEN POOL, DIVIDE
COUNTY, ND, TO ALLOW ALL WELLS TO
PRODUCE OIL AT AN UNRESTRICTED RATE
AND FLARE GAS PRODUCED IN
ASSOCIATION THEREWITH UNTIL JUNE 30,
2014, OR SUCH OTHER TIME AS MAY BE
ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, OR FOR
SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS MAY BE
APPROPRIATE.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- (1) This cause came on for hearing at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th day of January, 2014.
- (2) Murex Petroleum Corporation (Murex) provided telephonic testimony in this matter, pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Section 43-02-03-88.2. The Telephonic Communication Affidavits were received on January 29, 2014, therefore, such testimony may be considered evidence.
- (3) Murex made application to the Commission for the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool, Divide County, North Dakota, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June 30, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.
- (4) Order No. 22101 provides that all wells in the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool shall be allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate for a period of 60 days commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run; after that, oil production from such wells shall not exceed an average of 200 barrels per day for a period of 60 days; after that, oil production from such wells shall not exceed an average of 150 barrels per day for a period of 60 days, thereafter, oil production from such wells shall not exceed an average of 100 barrels of oil per day; if and when such wells are

connected to a gas gathering and processing facility the foregoing restrictions shall be removed, and the wells shall be allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate. The Director is authorized to issue an administrative order allowing unrestricted production at a maximum efficient rate for a period not to exceed 120 days, commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run, if the necessity therefor can be demonstrated to his satisfaction.

(5) The Writing Rock-Bakken Pool is an oil reservoir, but gas is produced in association with the oil at the wellhead as a by-product of oil production.

(6) Murex owns leasehold interests in various lands within the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool. None of the wells in the pool are not connected to a gas gathering system and pursuant to Order No. 22101, production might soon be restricted. Murex is prudently attempting to connect the wells to a gas gathering system.

(7) Development of the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool is currently ongoing. The value of the oil produced far exceeds the value of any gas produced in association with the oil and curtailment of oil production increases the time it takes to recover drilling and completion costs. Allowing wells to produce at a maximum efficient rate will allow valuable information to be obtained in order to make decisions with regard to future wells.

(8) Allowing all wells to produce crude oil at an unrestricted maximum efficient rate from the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool and flare any surplus gas produced until June 30, 2014, will provide for the effective and efficient recovery of oil from said pool, encourage rapid development, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, and prevent waste in a manner that will protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) All current wells and all wells hereafter completed in the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool shall be allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate through June 30, 2014.

(2) After June 30, 2014, all wells in the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool shall be allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate for a period of 60 days commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run; after that, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 200 barrels per day for a period of 60 days, after that, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 150 barrels per day for a period of 60 days, thereafter, oil production from such wells is not to exceed an average of 100 barrels of oil per day; if and when such wells are connected to a gas gathering and processing facility the foregoing restrictions are removed, and the wells are allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate. The Director is authorized to issue an administrative order allowing unrestricted production at a maximum efficient rate for a period not to exceed 120 days, commencing on the first day oil is produced through well-head equipment into tanks from the ultimate producing interval after casing has been run, if the necessity therefor can be demonstrated to his satisfaction.

(3) This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2014.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

By the Director, on behalf of the Commission

/s/ Lynn D. Helms, Director

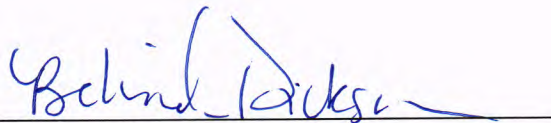
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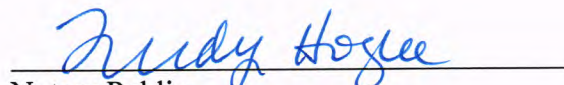
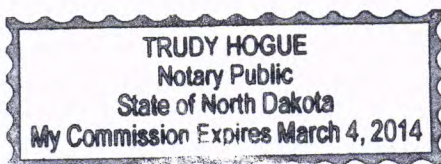
I, Belinda Dickson, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and say: That on the 4th day of February, 2014 enclosed in separate envelopes true and correct copies of the attached Order No. 23958 of the North Dakota Industrial Commission, and deposited the same with the United States Postal Service in Bismarck, North Dakota, with postage thereon fully paid, directed to the following persons by the Industrial Commission in Case No. 21604:

JOHN MORRISON
CROWLEY FLECK PLLP
PO BOX 2798
BISMARCK ND 58502



Belinda Dickson
Oil & Gas Division

On this 4th day of February, 2014 before me personally appeared Belinda Dickson to me known as the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that she executed the same as her free act and deed.



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Attached please find telephonic affidavits in Case No. 21604. Thank you.

Lisa

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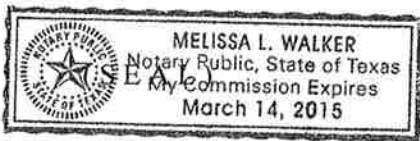
This affidavit is made to comply with North Dakota Administrative Code Section 43-02-03-88.2.

I, Glenn Kemp, do hereby confirm that I presented testimony under oath in North Dakota Industrial Commission Case Number 21604 on January 15, 2014. My testimony was presented by telephone from (281) 590-3313, Murex Petroleum Corporation, 515 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Ste. 485, Houston, Texas 77060.


(Affiant's Signature)

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HARRIS)

On Jan 29, 2014, Glenn Kemp, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, personally appeared before me and acknowledged that he executed the same as a free act and deed.



Melissa L. Walker
Notary Public
State of Texas, County of Harris
My Commission Expires: 3-14-15

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I, John Paganis, do hereby confirm that I presented testimony under oath in North Dakota Industrial Commission Case Number 21604 on January 15, 2014. My testimony was presented by telephone from (281) 590-3313, Murex Petroleum Corporation, 515 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Ste. 485, Houston, Texas 77060.


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MUREX PETROLEUM CORPORATION

363 N. Sam Houston Pkwy E. Ste. 200

Houston, TX 77060

(281) 590-3313

CASE NO. 21604

Amend Field Rules to Allow
The Unrestricted Production of Oil and Flaring of
Associated Gas from Wells Not Connected to a
Gas Gathering Facility
Writing Rock Bakken
Divide County, North Dakota

Before the
North Dakota Industrial Commission
January 15th, 2014

MUREX PETROLEUM CORPORATION
CASE NO. 21604

Field Designation Area:

T161, R101W, all of section 1 through 36, inclusive

Field Rules Requested:

- Allow all wells to produce crude oil at an unrestricted maximum efficient rate from the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool and flare any associated gas produced through June 30, 2014

Pools to be included:

50' above the top of Upper Bakken Shale, and 50' below the top of the Three Forks Formation

Disposition of Fluids:

Oil Transported by Northern Tier Oil Transport

Salt Water Hauled by T.N.R.

Natural Gas is

1. Currently is being flared
2. Planned buyer is USG Midstream Bakken going to their plant near Fortuna by June 30, 2014
3. Option to sell to Hess's Plant by September 2014

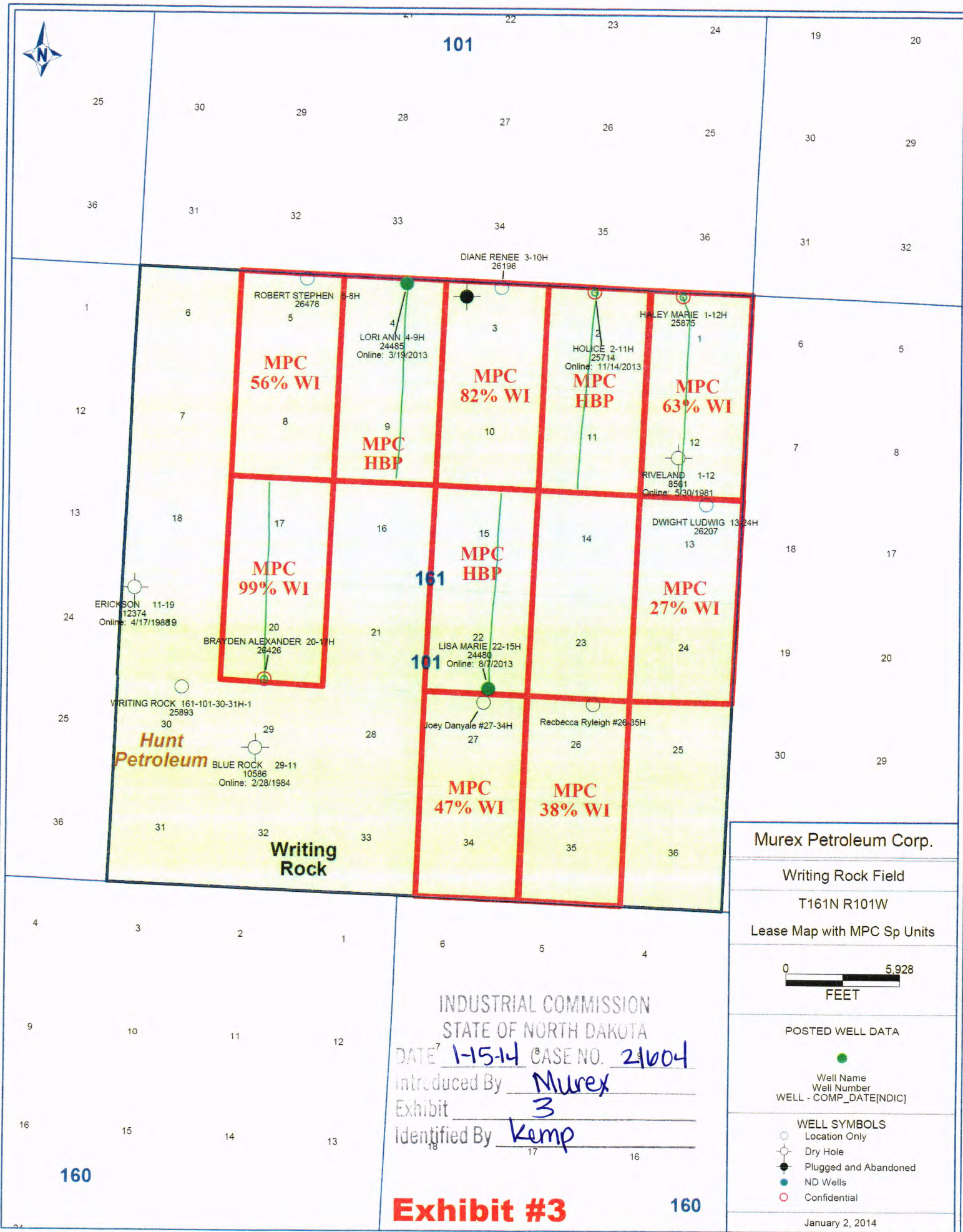
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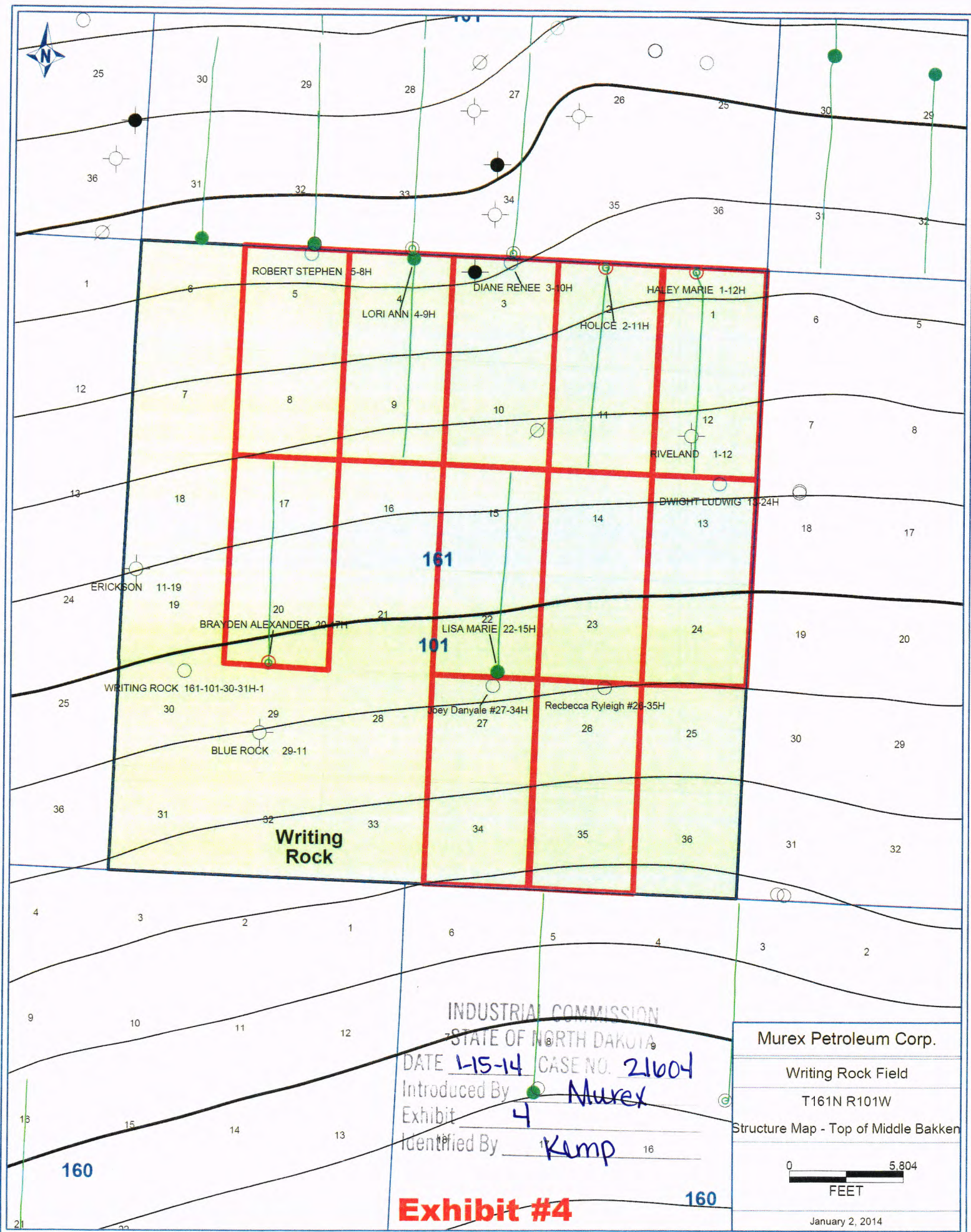
Asking for expedited orders due to oil rate restrictions

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Exhibit 1
Identified By Kemp

Exhibit #1







INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
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Introduced By Murex
Exhibit 4
Identified By Kemp

Murex Petroleum Corp.
Writing Rock Field
T161N R101W
Structure Map - Top of Middle Bakken
0 5,804
FEET
January 2, 2014

Exhibit #4

Case# 21604

Lori Ann 4-9H				
NDIC Production Data				
Date	Daily BBLs Oil	BBLs Oil	Daily MCF Prod	MCF Prod
Feb-13	20	563	14	396
Mar-13	177	5496	125	3,864
Apr-13	157	4709	110	3,310
May-13	207	6415	145	4,510
Jun-13	154	4610	108	3,241
Jul-13	157	4881	111	3,431
Aug-13	120	3732	85	2,624
Sep-13	98	2943	214	6,429
Oct-13	74	2293	148	4,602

Lisa Marie 22-15				
NDIC Production Data				
Date	Daily BBLs Oil	BBLs Oil	Daily MCF Prod	MCF Prod
Aug-13	196	6,064	120	3,723
Sep-13	349	10,471	69	2,069
Oct-13	242	7,495	52	1,612

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Introduced By Murex
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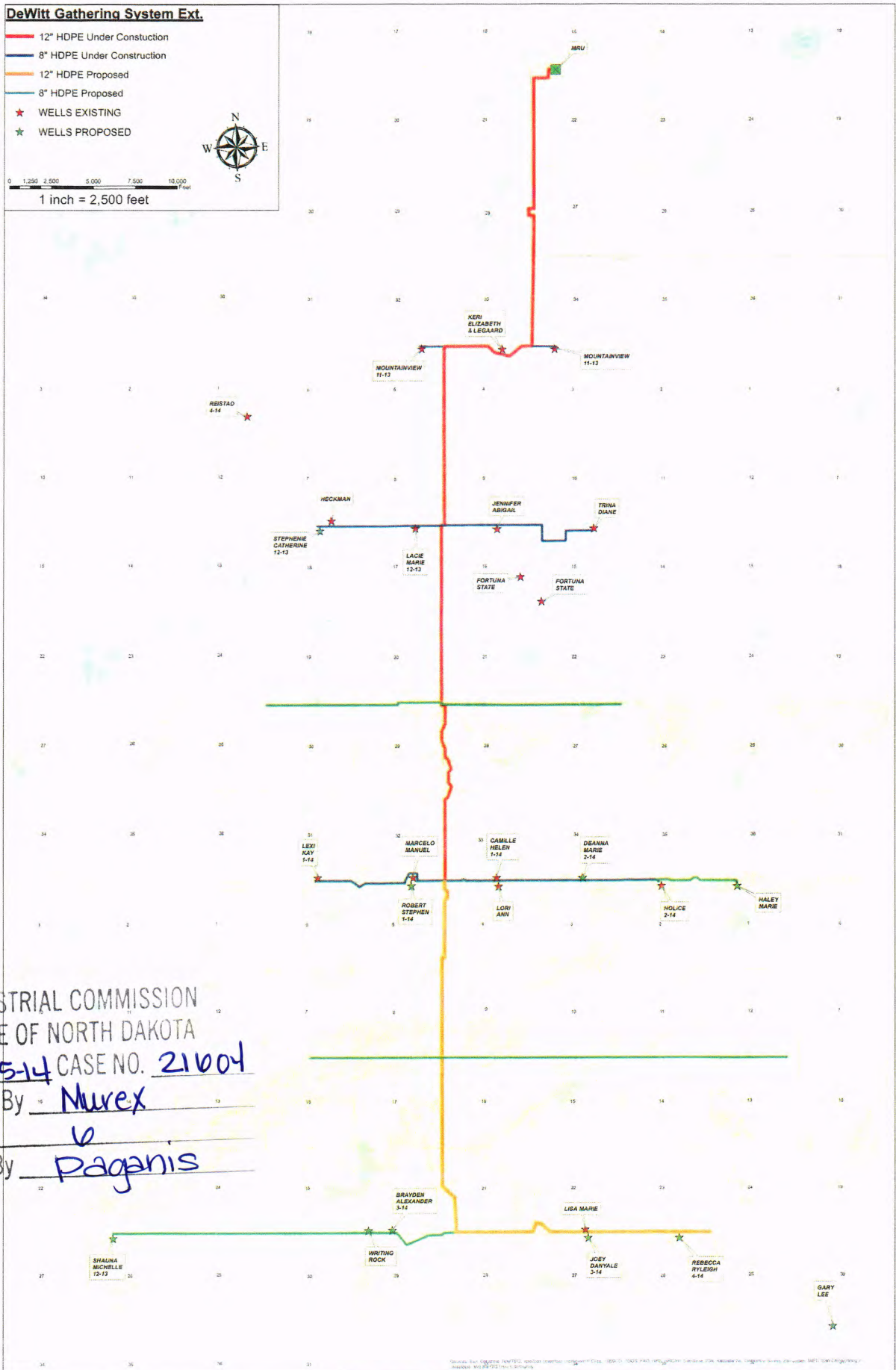
Exhibit #5

DeWitt Gathering System Ext.

- 12" HDPE Under Construction
- 8" HDPE Under Construction
- 12" HDPE Proposed
- 8" HDPE Proposed
- ★ WELLS EXISTING
- ★ WELLS PROPOSED



0 1,250 2,500 5,000 7,500 10,000 Feet
1 inch = 2,500 feet



INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

1-15-14 CASE NO. 21604

By Murex

By Paganis

Exhibit #6



BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Application of Murex Petroleum)
Corporation for an order amending the)
applicable orders for the Writing Rock-)
Bakken pool, Divide County, North Dakota,)
to allow all wells to produce oil at an)
unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in)
association therewith until June 30, 2014, or)
such other time as may be established by the)
Commission, or for such other relief as may)
be appropriate.)

APPLICATION

COMES NOW the applicant, Murex Petroleum Corporation, and respectfully alleges as follows:

1. It is the operator of a number of wells in the Writing Rock field. The applicable orders for the Writing Rock-Bakken pool provide that wells are allowed to produce at a maximum efficient rate for 60 days and then are subject to certain production restrictions.

2. Applicant is making a diligent effort to secure the necessary contracts and have the necessary infrastructure installed to connect all of its wells in the area and anticipates that the wells will be connected by 2014. In the interim, the value of the oil produced from the wells far exceeds the value of the gas flared and in applicant's opinion, continued unrestricted production is necessary to allow continued reservoir evaluation to justify continued development of the pool. No substantial waste will result if the wells are allowed to continue to produce at a maximum efficient rate for a reasonable period as the Commission may prescribe.

3. Applicant requests that it be allowed to present testimony by telephone pursuant to Section 43-02-03-88.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, applicant respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the regularly scheduled hearings in January, 2014 and that thereafter the Commission enter its order granting the relief requested.

Dated this 12th day of December, 2013.

MUREX PETROLEUM CORPORATION

CROWLEY FLECK PLLP
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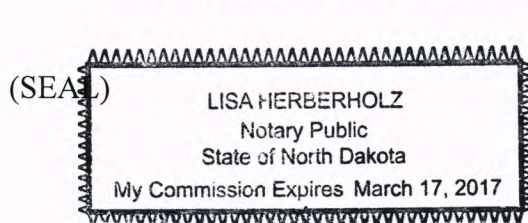
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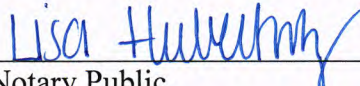
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

John W. Morrison, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he is the attorney for the applicant herein named, that he has read the above and foregoing application, knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of this affiant's knowledge, information and belief.


JOHN W. MORRISON

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of December, 2013.




Notary Public
Burleigh County, North Dakota
My Commission Expires: _____



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December 12, 2013

Mr. Bruce Hicks
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ND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
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In re: Murex Petroleum Corporation Application

Dear Mr. Hicks:

Please find enclosed for filing one application for the January, 2014 regular docket.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

John W. Morrison

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enc.

cc (via e-mail w/enc.): Glenn Kemp

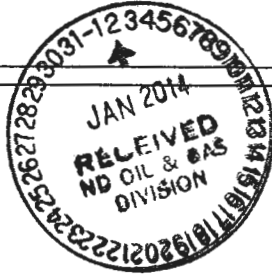
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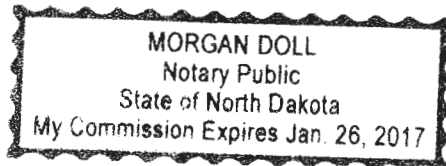
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**NOTICE OF HEARING
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OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the N.D. Oil & Gas Division, 1000 East Calgary Ave., Bismarck, N. D. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Thursday, January 10, 2014.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA TO:

Case No. 21584: Proper spacing for the development of the Strandahl-Bakken Pool, Williams County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. HRC Operating, LLC; Marathon Oil Co.; Oasis Petroleum North America LLC

Case No. 21585: Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Alger-Bakken Pool to establish three overlapping 2560-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 19 and 30, T.156N., R.92W. and Sections 24 and 25, T.156N., R.93W.; Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T.156N., R.93W.; and Sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, T.156N., R.93W., Mountrail County, ND, and allow one or more horizontal wells to be drilled thereon, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21586: Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Baker-Bakken Pool to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, T.153N., R.100W., McKenzie and Williams Counties, ND, and allow one or more horizontal wells to be drilled thereon, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21587: Application of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Cow Creek-Bakken Pool, Williams County, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June 30, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21588: Proper spacing for the development of the North Taylor-Winnipeg Gas Pool, Stark County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. BTA Oil Producers, LLC

Case No. 21589: Proper spacing for the development of the Clear Creek-Tyler Pool, McKenzie County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. Petro-Hunt, LLC

Case No. 21590: Application of Whiting Oil and Gas Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Sanish-Bakken Pool, to establish either four 320-acre spacing units consisting of the W/2 of Section 3, T.152N., R.93W., the W/2 of Section 24, and the W/2 of Section 25, T.153N., R.92W., and the N/2 of Section 30, T.153N., R.91W., Mountrail County, ND, or alternatively establish four 640-acre spacing units consisting of all of said Sections 3, 24, 25 and 30, and authorize the drilling of one horizontal well on such spacing unit, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21216: (Continued) Proper spacing for the development of the Twin Valley-Bakken Pool, McKenzie County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Co. LP; Whiting Oil and Gas Corp.

Case No. 21392: (Continued) Proper spacing for the development of the Chateau-Three Forks Pool, Billings County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. Whiting Oil and Gas Corp.

Case No. 21397: (Continued) Proper spacing for the development of the Park-Bakken Pool, Billings County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. Whiting Oil and Gas Corp.

Case No. 20607: (Continued) Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Van Hook-Bakken Pool to allow up to sixteen wells to be drilled on a 3200-acre spacing unit described as Sections 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, T.150N., R.92W., Mountrail and Dunn Counties, ND, or for such other relief as

Case No. 21591: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Blue Buttes-Bakken Pool to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit consisting of Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, T.150N., R.95W., McKenzie County, ND, and allow one or more horizontal wells to be drilled on such 2560-acre spacing unit, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21592: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Blue Buttes and/or Spotted Horn-Bakken Pools to establish three new overlapping 1280-acre spacing units consisting of (i) the W/2 of Sections 13 and 24 and E/2 of Sections 14 and 23; (ii) the W/2 of Sections 15 and 22 and the E/2 of Sections 16 and 21; and (iii) the W/2 of Sections 16 and 21 and E/2 of Sections 17 and 20, T.150N., R.95W., McKenzie County, ND, and allow one or more horizontal wells to be drilled on each such 1280-acre spacing unit, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21593: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Grail, Spotted Horn, Squaw Creek, Eagle Nest, Blue Buttes, and/or Bear Den-Bakken Pools to establish six new overlapping 1280-acre spacing units consisting of (i) the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36 and the E/2 of Sections 26 and 35, T.150N., R.95W.; (ii) the W/2 of Sections 29 and 32 and the E/2 of Sections 30 and 31, T.150N., R.95W.; (iii) the W/2 of Sections 28 and 33 and the E/2 of Sections 29 and 32, T.149N., R.95W.; (iv) the W/2 of Sections 1 and 12 and the E/2 of Sections 2 and 11, T.149N., R.95W.; (v) the W/2 of Sections 13 and 24 and the E/2 of Sections 14 and 23, T.149N., R.95W.; and (vi) the W/2 of Sections 25 and 36 and the E/2 of Sections 26 and 35, T.149N., R.95W., McKenzie County, ND, and allow one or more horizontal wells to be drilled on each such 1280-acre spacing unit, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21594: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Heart Butte-Bakken Pool to establish five new overlapping 1280-acre spacing units consisting of (i) all of Sections 1, T.149N., R.92W., and Section 6, T.149N., R.91W.; (ii) the N/2 of Section 1, T.149N., R.92W., the N/2 of Section 6, T.149N., R.91W., the S/2 of Section 36, T.150N., R.92W., and the S/2 of Section 31, T.150N.,

R.91W.; (iii) the E/2 of Sections 30 and 31 and the W/2 of Sections 29 and 32, T.150N., R.91W.; (iv) all of Sections 29 and 32, T.150N., R.91W.; and (v) all of Sections 3 and 4, T.149N., R.91W., all in Dunn, McLean and Mountrail Counties, ND, and allow two horizontal wells to be drilled on each such 1280-acre spacing unit, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21595: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Deep Water Creek Bay-Bakken Pool, Dunn and McLean Counties, ND, to alter the definition of the stratigraphic limits of the pool and such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 14935: (Continued) Application of Hess Corp. for an order suspending, and after hearing revoking, a permit issued to Continental Resources, Inc. for the drilling of the Foster #1-28H well on a drilling unit consisting of Sections 28 and 33, T.153N., R.99W., Williams and McKenzie Counties, ND; and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21596: Application of Hess Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Alkali Creek and Robinson Lake-Bakken Pools to establish two overlapping 2560-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 25 and 36, T.154N., R.94W., and Sections 30 and 31, T.154N., R.93W., and Sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, T.154N., R.93W., Mountrail County, ND, for the purpose of drilling a horizontal well on the common spacing unit boundary; and granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21597: Application of Hess Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Tioga-Bakken Pool to establish a 1920-acre spacing unit consisting of Sections 23 and 24, T.157N., R.95W., Williams County, ND, and Section 19, T.157N., R.94W., Mountrail County, ND, and authorize up to seven horizontal wells to be drilled on thereon, or granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21598: Application of Hess Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Tioga-Bakken Pool, Burke, Mountrail,

and Williams Counties, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June 30, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21401: (Continued) Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Bear Den-Bakken Pool, McKenzie County, ND, to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit consisting of Sections 25 and 36, T.149N., R.96W., and Sections 30 and 31, T.149N., R.95W., and authorize one or more horizontal wells to be drilled thereon, or granting such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21599: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Bear Den-Bakken Pool to allow up to six wells to be drilled upon a 640-acre spacing unit described as Section 25, T.149N., R.96W., McKenzie County, ND, at any location not closer than 200 feet to any boundary of the spacing unit or granting such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21600: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Poe-Bakken Pool, McKenzie County, ND, to establish an overlapping 2560-acre spacing unit consisting of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T.151N., R.100W., and authorize a horizontal well to be drilled thereon, or granting such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21399: (Continued) Application of SM Energy Co. for an amending the applicable orders for the Ambrose, West Ambrose, and Colgan-Bakken Pools, including without limitation Order No. 22099, to allow an additional horizontal well to be drilled in the middle member of the Bakken Formation in five 2560-acre spacing units described as Sections 13 and 24, T.163N., R.101W. and Sections 18 and 19, T.163N., R.100W.; Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21; Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, T.163N., R.100W.; and Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, T.163N., R.99W., Divide County, ND, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21601: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Ambrose-Bakken Pool, Divide County, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21602: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the West Ambrose-Bakken Pool, Divide County, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21603: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Colgan-Bakken Pool, Divide County, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21604: Application of Murex Petroleum Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Writing Rock-Bakken Pool, Divide County, ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June 30, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21605: Application of OXY USA, Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders to allow wells completed in the Murphy Creek-Bakken Pool, Dunn County, ND, to produce at a maximum efficient rate and flare gas produced in association with oil, or for such other relief as may be applicable.

Case No. 21407: (Continued) Application of OXY USA, Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders to allow wells completed in the Crooked Creek-Bakken Pool, Dunn County, ND, to produce at a maximum efficient rate and flare gas produced in association with oil, or for such other relief as may be applicable.

Case No. 21606: Application of Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Stockyard Creek-Bakken Pool to create five overlapping 2560-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11; Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10; Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9; and Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, T.154N., R.99W., Williams County, ND, and authorize up to two horizontal wells to be drilled on each such 2560-acre spacing unit or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21607: Application of Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Trux-Bakken Pool to create two overlapping 2560-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35; and Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34, T.154N., R.98W., Williams County, ND, and authorize up to two horizontal wells to be drilled on each such 2560-acre spacing unit or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 19399: (Continued) Proper spacing for the development of the Twin Buttes-Bakken Pool, Dunn County, ND, redefine the field limits, and enact such special field rules as may be necessary. Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.

Case No. 21608: Application of Williston Exploration, LLC for an order establishing a 160-acre drilling unit consisting of the S/2 SW/4 of Section 9 and N/2 NW/4 of Section 16, T.137N., R.99W., Stark County, ND, and allowing a vertical well to be drilled in the Tyler Pool at any location thereon not closer than 500 feet to the boundary, or granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21609: Application of Earthworks, Inc., in accordance with NDAC § 43-02-03-51, for an order authorizing the construction of an oil treating and oilfield waste treating/processing facility to be located in the NESE Section 1, T.146N., R.96W., Dunn County, ND, for the purpose of salvaging, treating and recycling upstream petroleum wastes.

Case No. 21424: (Continued) Application of Buffalo Hills, LLC, in accordance with NDAC § 43-02-03-51, for an order authorizing the construction of an oil treating and oilfield waste treating/processing facility to be located in the SESE Section 30, T.144N., R.95W., Dunn County, ND, for the purpose of salvaging, treating and recycling upstream petroleum wastes.

Case No. 21610: Application of Zargon Oil (ND) Inc. pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 for an order allowing oil and gas produced from the Zargon Mackabee Coulee HZ 3-16-158-85 well, to be drilled in the NWNE of Section 16, T.158N., R.85W., Renville County, ND, to be commingled with other production in the Bryans Central Tank Battery No. 205688 central production facility pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-48.1 or granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21611: Application of Zargon Oil (ND) Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Mackabee Coulee-Madison Pool to allow up to three horizontal wells to be drilled on a 320-acre spacing unit consisting of the N/2 of Section 16, T.158N., R.85W., Renville County, ND, or granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21612: Application of Petro-Hunt, LLC for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 21 and 28, T.158N., R.94W., East Tioga-Bakken Pool, Mountrail County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21613: Application of Petro-Hunt, LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the Clear Creek-Bakken Pool to authorize up to four horizontal wells to be drilled on a spacing unit consisting of Section 27, T.152N., R.96W., McKenzie County, ND, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21614: Application of Petro-Hunt, LLC for an order amending the applicable orders for the North Tioga-Bakken Pool, Burke, Divide and Williams Counties, ND, to authorize up to two horizontal wells to be drilled on each 2560-acre spacing unit included within Zones IX and X, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21615: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 10, 11, 14

and T.149N., R.91W., Heart Butte-Bakken Pool, Dunn and McLean Counties, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21616: Application of QEP Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Squires-Bakken Pool to allow up to seven horizontal wells to be drilled on three existing 1280-acre spacing units consisting of Sections 14 and 23; Sections 22 and 27; and Sections 25 and 26, T.155N., R.102W., Williams County, ND, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21617: Application of Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Stockyard Creek-Bakken Pool to authorize up to twelve horizontal wells to be drilled on six 1280-acre spacing units described as Sections 1 and 12; Sections 2 and 11; Sections 3 and 10; Sections 4 and 9; Sections 5 and 8; and Sections 6 and 7, T.154N., R.99W., Williams County, ND, and granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21618: Application of Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Truax-Bakken Pool to authorize up to fifteen horizontal wells to be drilled on a 1280-acre spacing unit described as Sections 28 and 33, T.154N., R.98W., Williams County, ND, and granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21619: Application of Hess Corp. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Sanish-Bakken Pool to authorize up to seventeen horizontal wells to be drilled on a 1280-acre spacing unit described as Sections 15 and 22, T.153N., R.93W., Mountrail County, ND, and granting such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Case No. 21620: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43 02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, T.151N., R.100W., Poe-Bakken Pool, McKenzie County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Case No. 21621: Application of Whiting Oil and Gas Corp. for an order pursuant to NDAC § 43 02-03-88.1 pooling all interests in a spacing unit described as Sections 1 and 12, T.141N., R.100W., St. Demetrius-Bakken Pool, Billings County, ND, as provided by NDCC § 38-08-08, and such other relief as is appropriate.

Signed by,

Jack Dalrymple, Governor
Chairman, ND Industrial Commission
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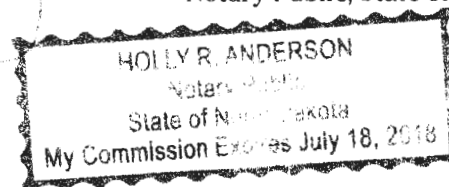
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The North Dakota Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the N.D. Oil & Gas Division, 1000 East Calgary Ave., Bismarck, N. D. At the hearing the Commission will receive testimony and exhibits. Persons with any interest in the cases listed below, take notice.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If at the hearing you need special facilities or assistance, contact the Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8038 by Thursday, January 02, 2014.

**STATE OF NORTH
DAKOTA TO:**

Case No. 21399: (Continued) Application of SM Energy Co. for an amending the applicable orders for the Ambrose, West Ambrose, and Colgan-Bakken Pools, including without limitation Order No. 22099, to allow an additional horizontal well to be drilled in the middle member of the Bakken Formation in five 2560-acre spacing units described as Sections 13 and 24, T.163N., R.101W. and Sections 18 and 19, T.163N., R.100W.; Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21;

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Case No. 21603: Application of SM Energy Co. for an order amending the applicable orders for the Colgan-Bakken Pool, Divide County,

ND, to allow all wells to produce oil at an unrestricted rate and flare gas produced in association therewith until June, 2014, or such other time as may be established by the Commission, or for such other relief as may be appropriate.

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Signed by,
/s/Jack Dalrymple, Governor
Chairman, ND Industrial