BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF AN EMERGENCY RULEMAKING OF THE OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION AMENDING OAC 165:10, OIL & GAS CONSERVATION

CAUSE NO. RM 20200004

ECONOMIC IMPACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT STATEMENT

Pursuant to 27A O.S. § 1-1-206, the Oil & Gas Conservation Division ("OGCD") of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") submits the following Economic Impact and Environmental Benefit Statement for its proposed emergency rules regarding Title 165, Chapter 10 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC").

I. Economic Impact of the Proposed Rules:

Although the proposed rules could have an economic impact on entities regulated by the Commission, it is anticipated that the benefits obtained from the proposed rules allowing the OGCD to more effectively regulate crude oil storage throughout Oklahoma, and protecting the health and safety of Oklahoma’s citizens and the environment, will outweigh any expenses associated with such proposed rules. It is not anticipated that the proposed rules will have an adverse economic impact upon political subdivisions. The proposed rules do not propose any fee changes.

II. Environmental Benefit of the Proposed Rules:

The proposed rules will allow the OGCD to more effectively regulate crude oil storage throughout Oklahoma. Crude oil storage tanks not located on producing leases will now require an approved permit and surety. Without the proposed rules, the OGCD would have no way of tracking new crude oil storage tanks not located on producing leases. If a release should occur at any such storage site, the proposed rules will assist in identifying responsible persons, and the surety will assist in the remediation of the site, if the responsible persons fail to remediate the site. The proposed rules are necessary to protect the health and safety of Oklahoma’s citizens and the environment.

III. Date of Preparation of Economic Impact and Environmental Benefit Statement:

This Economic Impact and Environmental Benefit Statement was prepared on April 28, 2020.
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