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Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
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Re: *Thomas Richard Thacker and Shannon Chapman Thacker v. EQT Gathering*
Public Service Commission; Case No.: 2015-00269

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed please find the original and ten bound copies of ***EQT Gathering, LLC's Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information*** in the referenced matter. Should the responses require any clarification or supplementation, please contact Kim McCann at (606) 329-2929.

Very truly yours,

Bobbie D. Hutchinson
Paralegal

Enclosures

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cc: Thomas Richard and Shannon Chapman Thacker (via U.S. Mail w/encl.)

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Complainant,)

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Defendant.)

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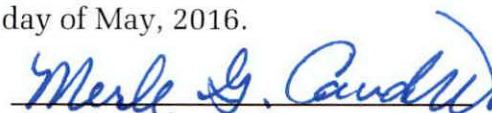
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STATE OF KENTUCKY)
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COUNTY OF Pike)

Josh Cochran, being duly sworn, states that he is an authorized representative of EQT Gathering, LLC and that he has assisted in the preparation of the responses of EQT Gathering, LLC to the Public Service Commission Staff's Second Request for Information dated May 13, 2016, in the above-referenced case, and that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness, and the answers contained herein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Josh Cochran

Subscribed and sworn before me on this 26 day of May, 2016.


Notary Public

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**EQT GATHERING, LLC'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

Comes the Defendant, EQT Gathering, LLC (referred to as EQT Midstream in the Complaint), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, by and through the undersigned counsel, and witnesses as stated, and in response to the Public Service Commission's Request for Information served on May 13, 2016, responds as follows:

RESPONSES

REQUEST NO. 1: Refer to EQT's response to Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information ("Staff's Initial Request"), Item 1, filed November 6, 2015. The response states that EQT Gathering, LLC ("EQT Gathering") is sometimes referred to as EQT Midstream and is an indirect subsidiary of EQT Corporation, a publicly traded company. The response also states that EQT Production Company ("EQT Production") is also an indirect subsidiary of EQT Corporation. Refer also to EQT's response to Staff's Initial Request, Item 2. The response states that EQT Gathering and EQT Production do not have separate organizational charts for their individual

organizations. State which entity is ultimately responsible for the requirement to provide service to farm tap customers pursuant to KRS 278.485.

WITNESS: Josh Cochran

RESPONSE NO. 1: EQT Production is ultimately responsible for the requirement to provide service to farm tap customers pursuant to KRS 278.485. Pursuant to the Pipeline Agreement, described below in response to Request No. 2, EQT Gathering did operate the pipeline that services the Thackers until April 1, 2016. EQT Production is now responsible for the day to day operations and maintenance of the subject pipeline.

REQUEST NO. 2: Refer to EQT's response to Staff's Initial Request, Item 6.b. The response states that EQT Production and EQT Gathering entered into a Pipeline Agreement and that EQT Gathering operates the PK-2016 pipeline serving the Thackers. Describe EQT Gathering's operational responsibility to PK-2016 customers under the Pipeline Agreement.

WITNESS: Josh Cochran

RESPONSE NO. 2: EQT Gathering was responsible for the day to day operations and maintenance of the subject pipeline, but effective April 1, 2016 EQT Production Company took over the responsibility for all day to day operations and maintenance responsibilities for the pipeline. The pipeline is now owned and operated by EQT Production Company.

REQUEST NO. 3: Refer to EQT's response to Staff's Initial Request, Item 3. The response states that EQT Production operates under a Commission approved tariff, effective August 11, 2005, and issued August 25, 2005. The response also states

that EQT Gathering has no tariff. Refer also to EQT's response to Staff's Initial Request, Item 6. The response states that EQT Production is the successor-in-interest to Ashland Exploration, Inc., the company the Thackers contracted with for farm tap service.

- a. State whether the Thackers are customers of EQT Production or EQT Gathering.
- b. Confirm that the rates charged to the Thackers and other farm tap customers in Kentucky are the same rates approved in the Equitable Production Company tariff on file with the Commission. In not, explain.
- c. Confirm that EQT Gathering is not charging customers for farm tap service in Kentucky. If EQT Gathering is charging customers in Kentucky, state the rates charged and by what authority.

WITNESS: Josh Cochran

RESPONSE NO. 3:

- a. The Thackers are customers of EQT Production.
- b. The rates charged to the Thackers and other farm tap customers in Kentucky are the same rates approved in the Equitable Production Company Tariff on file with the Commission.
- c. EQT Gathering is not charging customers for farm tap service in Kentucky.

REQUEST NO. 4: Refer to EQT's answer to the complaint, numerical paragraph 10, filed on August 28, 2015. The answer states that "EQT no longer has a producing well or gas gathering pipeline within one-half (1/2) mile of the Thackers'

residence and for this reason, the notice attached hereto as Exhibit C was properly provided to the Thackers.” Describe the process EQT utilized in making this determination.

WITNESS: Josh Cochran

RESPONSE NO. 4: EQT made the determinations through normal day to day operating procedures, mapping, and inspections that it had no producing well or gathering pipeline within one-half (1/2) mile of the Thacker residence.

REQUEST NO. 5: Refer to EQT’s response to Staff’s Initial Request, Item 4. The response states that EQT Gathering has identified two gas producing wells, evidenced as 566972 and 566973, and Pipeline WL 566972, which are potentially located within one-half air-mile radius of the Thackers residence.

- a. When did EQT first become aware of the location of these two gas producing wells, relative to the Thackers’ residence and point of service?
- b. When did EQT first become aware of the location of this pipeline, relative to the Thackers’ residence and point of service?
- c. Describe the timeframe that EQT expects this pipeline to remain in service.
- d. Explain whether the gas well that the potential pipeline is connected to has the reserves and wellhead pressure to serve the Thackers.
- e. If known, explain whether the Thackers would be required to acquire right-of-way to construct a service line to the pipeline, and whether the pipeline needs to be buried.

- f. Describe the terrain from the potential pipeline to the Thackers point of service.
- g. Other than through EQT's response to Staff's Initial Request, Item 4, state how and when the Thacker's were informed by EQT that they could apply for farm tap service from either of these gas producing wells or from the potential pipeline. State whether EQT has received such a request from the Thackers, and if so, the status of that request.

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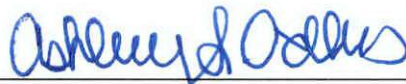
RESPONSE NO. 5:

- a. EQT first became aware of the location of the two gas producing wells, as related to the Thackers' residence and point of service, on November 3, 2015.
- b. EQT first became aware of the location of the pipeline, as related to the Thackers' residence and point of service, on November 3, 2015.
- c. EQT expects this pipeline to remain in service for perhaps 20 years or longer, dependent on the continued production of the well(s), pipeline integrity, economic feasibility, or force majeure.
- d. The gas well that the potential pipeline is connected to may have the reserves and wellhead pressure to serve the Thackers.
- e. The Thackers may need to obtain right of way(s) from other landowners in order to construct a service line to the point of service. The pipeline would not necessarily need to be buried; however, any service line would need to be installed pursuant to the Public Service Commission

regulations or specifications. Additionally, any necessary Kentucky Department of Highways or County Road Crossings or Encroachments may require a permit or approval from the Kentucky Department of Highways or Floyd County Fiscal Court in accordance to their standards and specifications which may require a service line to be buried.

- f. Mountainous terrain with hills and valleys typical of Southeastern Kentucky.
- g. EQT and the Thackers have not jointly examined the feasibility to apply for farm tap service, nor have the Thackers requested or applied.

Respectfully Submitted,



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I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was served upon the following:

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This 26th day of May, 2016.



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