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GASCO ENERGY, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR REVIEW OF SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS ALLIANCE

Gasco Energy. Inc. ("Gasco"), by and through its counsel, respectfully requests that the Environmental Appeals Board ("EAB") grant a 45-day extension of time to file its response to the Petition for Review filed on behalf of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance ("SUWA") in the above-captioned matter. In support of its Motion, Gasco states as follows:

- 1. On June 17, 2014, Gasco, as Permittee, submitted a revised application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Region 8 ("EPA") for the conversion of the existing RBU 1-10D well as an Underground Injection Control ("UIC") Class II injection well for purposes of water injection for secondary recovery of mineral resources from Gasco's operations in the River Bend Unit. The RBU 1-10D well is located in the NE/4NE/4 of Section 10, Township 10 South, Range 18 East, Uintah County, Utah.
- On November 17, 2014, the EPA issued a final UIC permit for the proposed RBU 1-10H injection well [Permit No. UT22291 - 10328]. Concurrently, the EPA issued a

Response to Public Comments document ("RPC") summarizing its response to all comments received on the proposed permit action. The RPC indicates that EPA did not receive any comments during the comment period, but received and accepted comments from SUWA approximately 11 days after the comment period deadline of August 15, 2014. The notice of final permit and RPC was mailed to SUWA and other state and federal officials pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.15(a).

- On December 17, 2014, a Petition for Review ("Petition") was filed with the EAB by SUWA, seeking review and remand of the final permit issued for the RBU 1-10D well [EAB Appeal No. UIC 14-191].
- 4. Due to various scheduling conflicts resulting from the date on which the Petition was filed, Gasco has not been afforded appropriate time to consider and respond to SUWA's Petition. The UIC permit for the RBU 1-10H well is essential to Gasco's planned operation and development of the River Bend Unit. Accordingly, Gasco would be adversely affected by a decision of the EAB to grant review of the Petition, and should be granted extension of time to adequately respond to the Petition.
- 5. On January 7, 2015, Gasco contacted SUWA's counsel and EPA's counsel (collectively, "the parties") to determine whether the parties concurred with or opposed this Motion pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(f)(2). On January 8, 2015, via telephone, EPA's counsel notified Gasco that EPA does not oppose this Motion. On January 12, 2015, SUWA's counsel indicated its opposition to this Motion via email correspondence.
- Gasco further asserts that the requested extension of time is necessary and will not prejudice SUWA.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Gasco respectfully requests that its Motion for Extension of Time to respond to the Petition for Review be granted and that the EAB extend the deadline for Gasco's response to March 2, 2015. Gasco further requests that the EAB expedite its decision to grant or deny this Motion or, alternatively, stay the deadline by which Gasco must file its response to the Petition for Review until the Board rules on this Motion, to prevent any prejudice to Gasco in filing its response.

January 12, 2015

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