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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SECRETARY

December 30, 2013

Michael L. Bangs, Esquire
429 South 18th Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011

RE: Hilcorp Energy Company
MMS No. 2013-SLAP-000528
Docket No. 2013-01

Dear Mr. Bangs:

I hereby appoint you to act as hearing officer for the Application for Well Spacing Units by Hilcorp Energy Company (Hilcorp). Hilcorp's Application is enclosed.

This hearing will be held pursuant to 2 Pa.C.S.A. § 504. The Application has been submitted pursuant to the Oil and Gas Conservation Law (Conservation Law), 58 P.S. §§ 401 – 419. It requests an order pursuant to Section 407 of the Conservation Law.

This hearing is to be conducted in accordance with sections of Part II of Title I of the Pennsylvania Code dealing with evidentiary hearings (1 Pa. Code §§ 31.1, *et seq.* and in particular §§ 35.111-35.251), and the Administrative Agency Law (2 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 501, *et seq.*).

As hearing officer, you will be responsible for issuing the notice of hearing, as well as scheduling any pre-hearing conference, conducting the hearing, granting any continuances, establishing a briefing schedule and conducting all oral and written communications with the parties necessary for the proper conduct of the hearing.

After the hearing, you should certify and file the following, pursuant to 1 Pa. Code § 35.202: (1) a proposed report, (2) a copy of the record of the hearing and (3) the briefs, if any, filed in the proceeding. These should be submitted to me c/o Glenda K. Davidson, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Chief Counsel, 400 Market Street, 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Ms. Davidson's contact information is: E-mail: gldavidson@pa.gov, Telephone: (717) 787-4449, Fax: (717) 705-4980,

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If there are administrative matters requiring action, please contact Ms. Davidson.

Sincerely,



E. Christopher Abruzzo
Secretary

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