

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO

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STATE OF OHIO,
ex rel. DAVE YOST,
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL,

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CASE NO. 2020 OC 580

Plaintiff,

v.

JUDGE CHRISTEN FINLEY

PILLAR ENERGY LLC,

Defendant.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING
ORDER EXTENSION

On September 15, 2020, Plaintiff Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management appeared before the Court, as represented by the Attorney General of the State of Ohio, Dave Yost, pursuant to the State’s Complaint, the State’s motion for a temporary restraining order, affidavits and attestations pursuant thereto, Plaintiff sought a Temporary Restraining Order pursuant to Civ.R 65. Also appearing was Counsel for Defendant Pillar Energy, LLC (“Defendant”) and Mr. Ezra Schoolcraft, COO of Defendant.

This Court issued the Temporary Restraining Order on September 15, 2020. The conditions in the order required Defendant to prevent any brine leakage from the Pinkerman #7 Well, API #34-087-2-0424-0000, onto the ground.

On September 30, 2020, the parties again appeared before the Court seeking an extension of the Temporary Restraining Order. The Court has allowed the extension in accordance with Ohio Civil Rule 65 and subject to the following conditions, binding upon the Defendant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

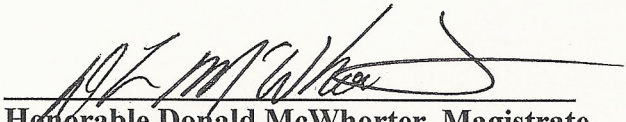
1. Defendant is ~~preliminarily~~ enjoined and ordered to comply with Revised Code Chapter 1509;
2. Defendant is ~~preliminarily~~ enjoined and ordered to prevent any brine leakage from the Pinkerman #7 Well, API #34-087-2-0424-0000 onto the ground;
3. Defendant is ~~preliminarily~~ enjoined and ordered to comply with the following conditions in conjunction with the Pinkerman #7 Well, API #34-087-2-0424-0000:
 - a) With a Division inspector present to witness, Defendant shall, by no later than October 15, 2020:
 - i. Remove the 1-inch tubing and packer inside the 2-3/8" tubing;
 - ii. Replace the broken 2-3/8" tubing; and
 - iii. Ensure the 2-3/8" by 4-1/2" packer is placed 100 feet or less above the top of the injection zone.
 - b) With a Division inspector present to witness, Defendant must perform a mechanical integrity test on the Well to at least 300 psi after the actions outlined in paragraph (a) of this Order, immediately above, are complete. Defendant cannot operate the Well until the Division determines that the Well passes the mechanical integrity test.
 - c) Defendant shall contact the Division at least 24 hours in advance of taking any of the actions outlined in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Order.

This Order shall be binding upon Defendant Pillar, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors and all those persons in active concert with Defendant Pillar. This Order shall remain in effect until the Court rules on the merits in response to any dispositive motion and/or trial on the

merits or the parties agree to a Consent Order in this matter. The Court retains jurisdiction for compliance with this Order and for preliminary injunctive relief to be decided at a future date. The Court has scheduled this case for a preliminary injunctive relief hearing on **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:00 PM**. No surety or bond shall be required of the State of Ohio.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

9-30-2020
Date


Honorable Donald McWhorter, Magistrate