

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HUGHES COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

Kristina Stacy Kawulok, on behalf of herself
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

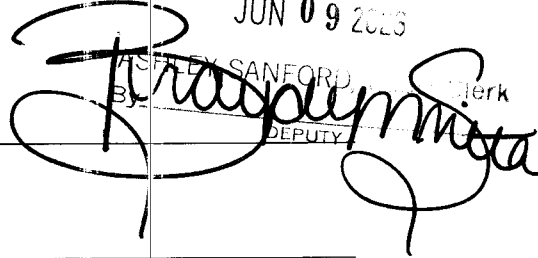
JMA Energy Company, L.L.C.,

Defendant.

Case No. CJ-2019-50

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JUDGMENT

This is a class action lawsuit brought by Plaintiff Kristina Stacy Kawulok (“Plaintiff” or “Class Representative”), on behalf of herself and as a representative of a class of owners (defined below), against JMA Energy Company, L.L.C. (“Defendant” or “JMA Energy”) (“Plaintiff” and “Defendant” collectively the “Parties”) for the alleged underpayment or non-payment of royalty on gas and gas constituents from Oklahoma oil-and-gas wells during the Claim Period. On January 16, 2026, the Parties executed a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Settlement Agreement”) finalizing the terms of the Settlement.¹

On March 10, 2026, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement and issued an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Certifying the Class for Settlement Purposes, Approving Form and Manner of Notice, and Setting Date for Final Fairness Hearing (the “Preliminary Approval Order”). In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court, *inter alia*:

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Settlement Agreement.

- a. certified the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, finding all requirements of OKLA. STAT. tit. 12, § 2023 have been satisfied with respect to the proposed Settlement Class;
- b. appointed Plaintiff Kristina Stacy Kawulok as Class Representative, Reagan E. Bradford and Ryan K. Wilson as Co-Lead Class Counsel, and Rex A. Sharp as Additional Class Counsel;
- c. preliminarily found: (i) the proposed Settlement resulted from extensive arm's-length negotiations; (ii) the proposed Settlement was agreed to only after Class Counsel had conducted legal research and discovery regarding the strengths and weaknesses of Class Representative's and the Settlement Class's claims; (iii) Class Representative and Class Counsel have concluded that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (iv) the proposed Settlement is sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant sending notice of the proposed Settlement to the Settlement Class;
- d. preliminarily approved the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class;
- e. preliminarily approved the form and manner of the proposed Notices to be communicated to the Settlement Class, finding specifically that such Notices, among other information: (i) described the terms and effect of the Settlement; (ii) notified the Settlement Class that Plaintiff's Counsel will seek Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs, and a Case Contribution Award for Class Representative's services; (iii) notified the Settlement Class of the time and place of the Final Fairness Hearing; (iv) described the procedure for requesting exclusion from the

Settlement; and (v) described the procedure for objecting to the Settlement or any part thereof;

- f. instructed the Settlement Administrator to disseminate the approved Notices to potential members of the Settlement Class in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and in the manner approved by the Court;
- g. provided for the appointment of a Settlement Administrator;
- h. set the date and time for the Final Fairness Hearing as June 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court for Hughes County, Oklahoma; and
- i. set out the procedures and deadlines by which Class Members could properly request exclusion from the Settlement Class or object to the Settlement or any part thereof.

After the Court issued the Preliminary Approval Order, due and adequate notice by means of the Notice and Summary Notice was given to the Settlement Class, notifying them of the Settlement and the upcoming Final Fairness Hearing. On June 9, 2026, in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the Notice, the Court conducted a Final Fairness Hearing to, *inter alia*:

- a. determine whether the Settlement should be approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class;
- b. determine whether the notice method utilized by the Settlement Administrator: (i) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (ii) constituted notice reasonably calculated under the circumstances to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Litigation, the Settlement, their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement, their right to object to the Settlement or any part thereof, and their right to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; (iii) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled

to such notice; and (iv) meets all applicable requirements of the Oklahoma Rules of Civil Procedure and any other applicable law;

c. determine whether to approve the Allocation Methodology, the Plan of Allocation, and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Class Members who did not timely submit a valid Request for Exclusion or were not otherwise excluded from the Settlement Class by order of the Court;²

d. determine whether a Judgment should be entered pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, *inter alia*, dismissing the Litigation against Defendant with prejudice and extinguishing, releasing, and barring all Released Claims against all Released Parties in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;

e. determine whether the applications for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement for Litigation Expenses and Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs, and a Case Contribution Award to Class Representative are fair and reasonable and should be approved;³ and

f. rule on such other matters as the Court deems appropriate.

The Court, having reviewed the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, and all related pleadings and filings, and having heard the evidence and argument presented at the Final Fairness Hearing, now **FINDS, ORDERS, and ADJUDGES** as follows:

1. The Court, for purposes of this Final Judgment (the "Judgment"), adopts all defined terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and incorporates them as if fully set forth herein.

² The Court will issue a separate order pertaining to the allocation and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members (the "Initial Plan of Allocation Order").

³ The Court will issue separate orders pertaining to Plaintiff's Counsel's request for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs, and Class Representative's request for a Case Contribution Award.

2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Litigation and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over Defendant and Class Members.

3. The Settlement Class, which was certified in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, is defined as follows:

All non-excluded persons or entities who are or were royalty owners in Oklahoma wells who received gas royalty payments from JMA Energy for the Claim Period for the Class Wells operated by JMA Energy. The Class claims relate to the correctness and adequacy of royalty payments and/or non-payments for gas and its constituents produced in any form, including, but not limited to, residue gas, casinghead gas, natural gas liquids, helium, nitrogen, drip condensate, and gas used on or off the lease premises.

Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) JMA Energy, its affiliates, predecessors, members, employees, officers, and directors; (2) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (3) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (4) Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, C. Benjamin Nutley, White River Royalties, LLC, and their relatives, affiliates, successors, and assigns; (5) the persons and entities identified on Exhibit 7; (6) persons or entities that Plaintiff's counsel may be prohibited from representing under Rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct; (7) any Indian tribe as defined at 30 U.S.C. § 1702(4) or Indian allottee as defined at 30 U.S.C. § 1702(2); and (8) officers of the Court.

4. For substantially the same reasons as set out in the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, the Court finds that the above-defined Settlement Class should be and is hereby certified for the purposes of entering judgment pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. Specifically, the Court finds that all requirements of OKLA. STAT. tit. 12, § 2023 have been satisfied for settlement purposes. Because this case has been settled at this stage of the proceedings, the Court does not reach, and makes no ruling either way, as to the issue of whether the Settlement Class could have been certified in this case on a contested basis.

5. The Court finds that the persons and entities identified in the attached Exhibit 1 have submitted timely and valid Requests for Exclusion and are hereby excluded from the

foregoing Settlement Class, will not participate in or be bound by the Settlement, or any part thereof, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, and will not be bound by or subject to the releases provided for in this Judgment and the Settlement Agreement.

6. At the Final Fairness Hearing on June 9, 2026, the Court fulfilled its duties to independently evaluate the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of, *inter alia*, the Settlement and the Notice of Settlement provided to the Settlement Class, considering not only the pleadings and arguments of Class Representative and Defendant and their respective Counsel, but also the concerns of any objectors and the interests of all absent Class Members. In so doing, the Court considered arguments that could reasonably be made against, *inter alia*, approving the Settlement and the Notice of Settlement, even if such argument was not actually presented to the Court by pleading or oral argument.

7. The Court further finds that due and proper notice, by means of the Notices, was given to the Settlement Class in conformity with the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order. The form, content, and method of communicating the Notices disseminated to the Settlement Class and published pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order: (a) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances; (b) constituted notice reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Class Members of the pendency of the Litigation, the Settlement, their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement, their right to object to the Settlement or any part thereof, and their right to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing; (c) was reasonable and constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to such notice; and (d) met all applicable requirements of the Oklahoma Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution, the Due Process protections of the State of Oklahoma, and any other applicable law. Therefore, the Court approves the form, manner, and content of the Notices used by the Parties. The Court further finds that all

Class Members have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to request exclusion from the Settlement Class or object to the Settlement.

8. Pursuant to and in accordance with OKLA. STAT. tit. 12, § 2023, the Settlement, including, without limitation, the consideration paid by Defendant, the covenants not to sue, the releases, and the dismissal with prejudice of the Released Claims against the Released Parties as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, is finally approved as fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. The Settlement Agreement was entered into between the Parties at arm's-length and in good faith after substantial negotiations free of collusion. The Settlement fairly reflects the complexity of the Claims, the duration of the Litigation, the extent of discovery, and the balance between the benefits the Settlement provides to the Settlement Class and the risk, cost, and uncertainty associated with further litigation and trial. Serious questions of law and fact remain contested between the parties. The Settlement provides a means of gaining immediate valuable and reasonable compensation and forecloses the prospect of uncertain results after many more months or years of additional discovery and litigation. The considered judgment of the Parties, aided by experienced legal counsel, supports the Settlement.

9. By agreeing to settle the Litigation, Defendant does not admit, and instead specifically denies, that the Litigation could have otherwise been properly maintained as a contested class action, and specifically denies any and all wrongdoing and liability to the Settlement Class, Class Representative, and Class Counsel.

10. The Litigation and Released Claims are dismissed with prejudice as to the Released Parties. All Class Members who have not validly and timely submitted a Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator as directed in the Notice of Settlement and Preliminary Approval Order (a) are hereby deemed to have finally, fully, and forever conclusively released, relinquished, and discharged all of the Released Claims against the Released Parties, and (b) are barred and

permanently enjoined from, directly or indirectly, on any Class Member's behalf or through others, suing, instigating, instituting, or asserting against the Released Parties any claims or actions on or concerning the Released Claims. Neither Party will bear the other's Party's litigation costs, costs of court, or attorney's fees.

11. The Court also approves the efforts and activities of the Settlement Administrator in assisting with certain aspects of the administration of the Settlement and directs it to continue to assist Class Representative in completing the administration and distribution of the Settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, this Judgment, any Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, and the Court's other orders.

12. Nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action or claim by Class Representative or Defendant to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Settlement Agreement or this Judgment.

13. The Settlement Administrator is directed to refund to Defendant the portions of the Net Settlement Fund under the Initial Plan of Allocation attributable to Class Members who timely and properly submitted a Request for Exclusion or who were otherwise excluded from the Settlement Class by order of the Court in accordance with the terms and process of the Settlement Agreement.

14. Entering into or carrying out the Settlement Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related thereto, and the Settlement Agreement itself, are not, and shall not be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, an admission or concession by any of the Parties to the Settlement Agreement. Further, this Judgment shall not give rise to any collateral estoppel effect as to the certifiability of any class in any other proceeding.

15. As separately set forth in detail in the Court's Plan of Allocation Order(s), the Allocation Methodology, the Plan of Allocation, and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund among Class Members who were not excluded from the Settlement Class by timely submitting a valid

Request for Exclusion or other order of the Court are approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, and Class Counsel and the Settlement Administrator are directed to administer the Settlement in accordance with the Plan of Allocation Order(s) entered by the Court.

16. The Court finds that Class Representative, Defendant, and their Counsel have complied with the requirements of the Oklahoma Rules of Civil Procedure as to all proceedings and filings in this Litigation. The Court further finds that Class Representative and Class Counsel adequately represented the Settlement Class in entering into and implementing the Settlement.

17. Except as described in paragraph 6.19 of the Settlement Agreement, no Class Member shall have any claim against Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, another Class Member, or the Settlement Administrator, or any of their respective designees or agents based on the distributions made substantially in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Court's Plan of Allocation Order(s), or other orders of the Court.

18. Any Class Member who receives a Distribution Check that he/she/it is not legally entitled to receive is hereby ordered to either (a) pay the appropriate portion(s) of the Distribution Check to the person(s) legally entitled to receive such portion(s) or (b) return the Distribution Check uncashed to the Settlement Administrator.

19. All matters regarding the administration of the Gross Settlement Fund and the taxation of funds in the Gross Settlement Fund or distributed by the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel shall be handled in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, including distribution of Residual Unclaimed Funds to Defendant at the time and in the manner provided for in the Settlement Agreement.

20. Any order approving or modifying any Plan of Allocation Order, the application by Class Counsel for an award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs, or the request of Class Representative for a

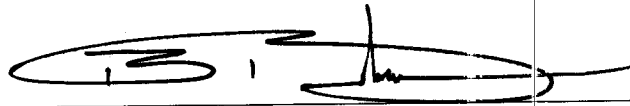
Case Contribution Award shall be handled in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and the documents referenced therein.

21. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, the Court (along with any appellate court with power to review the Court's orders and rulings in the Litigation) reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction to enter any orders as necessary to administer the Settlement Agreement, including jurisdiction to determine any issues relating to the payment and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and to enforce the Judgment.

22. In the event the Settlement is terminated as the result of a successful appeal of this Judgment or does not become Final and Non-Appealable in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement for any reason whatsoever, then this Judgment and all orders previously entered in connection with the Settlement shall be rendered null and void and shall be vacated. The provisions of the Settlement Agreement relating to termination of the Settlement Agreement shall be complied with, including the refund of opt-out amounts to Defendant.

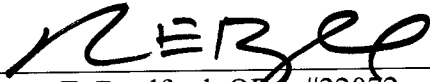
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IT IS SO ORDERED this 9 day of JUNE, 2026.



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JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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