

# EXHIBIT 1

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

PAULA PARKS MCCLINTOCK,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG
	)	
CONTINUUM PRODUCER	)	
SERVICES, L.L.C.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT**

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (hereinafter, including all exhibits attached hereto and/or provided for herein referred to collectively as the “Settlement Agreement”) is entered into between Paula Parks McClintock, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated (“Plaintiff”), and Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., formerly known as Unimark L.L.C. (“Defendant”). Plaintiff and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as the “Parties.” The settlement contemplated by this Settlement Agreement is conditioned upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to the Court (1) approving this Settlement Agreement without material alteration and (2) entering the orders and judgments upon which this Settlement Agreement is conditioned, as more fully described below:

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

WHEREAS, the above-styled action (the “Litigation”) was originally filed on May 23, 2017, with the filing of Plaintiff’s Original Petition against Defendant in the District Court of Carter County, State of Oklahoma (the “Petition”);

WHEREAS, Defendant removed the Litigation to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma on July 5, 2017, under the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (“CAFA”), claiming diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) and that the amount in controversy exceeded \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs;

WHEREAS, the Litigation was assigned to United States District Judge John A. Gibney, Jr., of the Eastern District of Virginia, serving in this case by designation, by minute order dated July 18, 2019;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has made certain claims against Defendant, as more fully described in the Petition;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel have prosecuted the Litigation for more than two years, which has included discovery of documents and data, depositions, research, accounting review and analysis, consultation by and with experts, settlement negotiations among counsel, damage modeling, and other investigations and preparation;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel acknowledge that, during the course of their prosecution of the Litigation, they have received, examined, and analyzed information, documents, materials, and testimony they deem necessary and appropriate to enable them to enter into this Settlement Agreement on a fully informed basis, and after such examination and analysis, and based on the experience of Plaintiff’s Counsel, their experts and consultants, Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement are fair, reasonable, adequate and in the best interests of the Settlement Class and Plaintiff;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff has agreed to settle the claims asserted against Defendant in the Litigation pursuant to this Settlement Agreement after considering: (1) the substantial benefits

Class Members will receive from resolution of such claims, (2) the risks of litigating those claims, and (3) the desirability of permitting the Settlement to be consummated as provided by the terms of this Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, Defendant agrees that further prosecution and defense of the claims against it in this Litigation would be protracted and expensive, has taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any such litigation, and has determined it is desirable to compromise and settle the claims against it in the Litigation;

WHEREAS, Defendant has adamantly denied, and continues to deny, Plaintiff's claims against it and any and all liability to Plaintiff and the Settlement Class, and has vigorously defended against those claims; and

WHEREAS, Defendant enters into this Settlement Agreement without admitting any liability whatsoever, and solely to avoid further expense, inconvenience, and the disruption of defending against the claims asserted against it in the Litigation and to be completely free of any further controversy with respect to the claims that were asserted or could have been asserted against it in the Litigation, as more fully described herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the payments, mutual promises, agreements, undertakings, releases, and other terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by all parties hereto, Defendant and Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and the Settlement Class, stipulate and agree as follows, subject to the approval of the Court, without admission of any liability or wrongdoing, and in consideration of the benefits set forth herein, that all Released Claims shall be fully, finally and forever compromised, settled, released and discharged, and the Litigation shall be dismissed with prejudice, upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

As used throughout this Settlement Agreement, the Supplemental Agreements, the Initial and Final Plans of Allocation, and all other documents attached hereto, the following phrases and words will be given the meanings set forth below:

1.1 **“Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs”** means the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses charged by the Settlement Administrator (or any consultant retained by the Settlement Administrator with Defendant’s approval) for fees, costs, and expenses generated or incurred in the administration, distribution, and notification of the Settlement, including: (a) fees, costs, and expenses of identifying the names, addresses and tax identification numbers of Class Members (to the extent not contained in the records provided by Defendant under Paragraph 3.3 below); (b) fees, costs, and expenses incurred to publish and mail the Notice of Settlement to the Settlement Class (such as the cost to print the Notices of Settlement, mail the Notices of Settlement, and/or publish the Notices of Settlement pursuant to the Plan of Notice); (c) fees, costs, and expenses to prepare, issue, and mail (and re-issue and re-mail, if necessary) the Distribution Checks to the Settlement Class; (d) fees, costs, and expenses to provide a reconciliation of the final amount of Residual Unclaimed Funds; (e) fees, costs, and expenses to calculate the amount each Class Member will receive under the Initial Plan of Allocation; and (f) fees, costs, and expenses to calculate the amount each Class Member who does not timely and properly submit a Request for Exclusion will receive under the Final Plan of Allocation. Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs also include the costs described in (a) through (f) above incurred by Plaintiff’s Counsel and/or Plaintiff associated with experts, consultants or other personnel retained for purposes of administration, distribution, and notification. Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs also includes any fees or costs

charged related to administration of the Gross Settlement Fund. Subject to Court approval, all Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs will be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund.

1.2 **“Allocation Methodology”** means the methodology Plaintiff proposes to use to calculate the amount of the Net Settlement Fund to be sent to each Participating Class Member as set forth in Paragraphs 6.2-6.4.

1.3 **“Answer”** means the Amended Answer of Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., filed in the Litigation on June 29, 2018.

1.4 **“Case Contribution Award”** means the award ordered by the Court, if any, to Plaintiff for her time, expense, and participation in this Litigation and in representing the Settlement Class.

1.5 **“Claim Period”** means the period of time prior to the entry of the Judgment in this Litigation.

1.6 **“Class Member”** is a person or entity belonging to the Settlement Class.

1.7 **“Court”** means the Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr., serving in this case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma by designation, or any subsequent judge assigned to hear the Litigation.

1.8 **“Defendant”** is separately defined on page 1 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.9 **“Defendant’s Counsel”** means the law firm of Crowe & Dunlevy.

1.10 **“Distribution Check”** means a check payable to a Participating Class Member for the purpose of paying that Participating Class Member’s share of the Net Settlement Fund pursuant to the Allocation Methodology.

1.11 **“Effective Date”** has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 9.3.

1.12 **“Final and Non-Appealable”** means that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) Thirty (30) days have elapsed without the filing of: (i) any appeal or original action in any court challenging or seeking reconsideration, modification or vacation of the Judgment, or otherwise seeking to interfere with or evade provisions of this Settlement Agreement and the Settlement contemplated hereunder; (ii) any motion that would extend the time to appeal from the Judgment, or which challenges or seeks reconsideration, modification or vacation of the Judgment; or (iii) any motion that would extend or reopen the time for commencing an appeal under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a)(5) or (6); or

(b) if any motion under subparagraph (a)(ii) or (iii) was filed, it has been denied with no appeal having been commenced within 30 days after the entry of the final order denying all such motions; or if any motion under subparagraph (a)(iii) was granted, the moving party has not commenced an appeal within the time allowed; or

(c) if an appeal is commenced, (i) the Judgment is affirmed in full or the appeal is dismissed, mandate of the appellate court issues, and no petition for writ of certiorari is filed, or if one is filed, the U.S. Supreme Court either denies or dismisses such petition or affirms in full and mandate issues, or (ii) the appellate court remands to the Court for further proceedings in which the Court issues a final decision that does not vacate or alter the original Judgment in any material respect and that decision itself becomes Final and Non-Appealable; or

(d) if an original action listed in subparagraph (a)(i) above is filed, it results in a final decision that does not vacate or alter the original Judgment in any material respect and that final decision itself becomes Final and Non-Appealable; or

(e) if a motion under subparagraph (a)(ii) is granted, the Court's final decision on such motion does not vacate or alter the Judgment in any material respect and that decision itself becomes Final and Non-Appealable; or

(f) such date as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing.

1.13 **“Final Fairness Hearing”** means the hearing set by the Court under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(2) to consider final approval of the Settlement.

1.14 **“Final Plan of Allocation”** means the final calculation of the Distribution Check that will be sent to each Participating Class Member.

1.15 **“Gross Settlement Fund”** means the total cash amount of \$900,000.00 to be paid by Defendant. Except for the cost associated with the issuance of the notice described in Paragraph 3.6 below, in no event shall Defendant be required to pay more than the Gross Settlement Fund.

1.16 **“Initial Plan of Allocation”** has the meaning set forth in Paragraph 6.5.

1.17 **“Judgment”** means the Order and Judgment Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement finally approving the Settlement between the Settlement Class and Defendant, which shall include provisions substantially the same as those set forth in Paragraph 3.7 below and be in substantially the same form as Exhibit 2, attached hereto.

1.18 **“Litigation”** is separately defined on page 1 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.19 **“Litigation Expenses”** means the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Plaintiff’s Counsel in commencing and prosecuting the Litigation.

1.20 **“Net Settlement Fund”** means the Gross Settlement Fund less: (a) any of Plaintiff’s Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; (b) any Case Contribution Award awarded by the Court; (c) any Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs; (d) any other costs and expenses that the Court orders to be deducted from the Gross Settlement Fund; and (e) the amount of money in excess of the separately agreed-upon threshold



under the Allocation Methodology attributable to Opt-Outs as set forth in Supplemental Agreement 1.

1.21 **“Notice of Settlement”** means the notice in substantially the same form as Exhibit 3 attached hereto, which will be mailed to any potential Class Members, and the notice in substantially the same form as Exhibit 4 attached hereto, which will be published in accordance with the Plan of Notice, and the notice in substantially the same form as Exhibit 5 attached hereto, which will be published electronically on the website in accordance with the Plan of Notice and sent directly to Class Members upon request in accordance with the Plan of Notice.

1.22 **“Opt-Out”** means a Class Member who timely and properly submits a Request for Exclusion or who is otherwise excluded from the Settlement Class by order of the Court.

1.23 **“Participating Class Member”** means a Class Member who is not an Opt-Out.

1.24 **“Parties”** is separately defined on page 1 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.25 **“Petition”** is separately defined on page 1 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.26 **“Plaintiff”** is separately defined on page 1 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.27 **“Plaintiff’s Attorneys’ Fees”** means the attorney fees that may be awarded by the Court to Plaintiff’s Counsel with respect to their work on the Litigation.

1.28 **“Plaintiff’s Counsel”** means the law firms of: (a) Nix Patterson, LLP; (b) Whitten Burrage; (c) Ryan Whaley Coldiron Jantzen Peters & Webber, PLLC; (d) Lawrence R. Murphy, Jr., P.C.; and (e) Barnes & Lewis, LLP.

1.29 **“Plan of Notice”** means the process described in Paragraph 3.5 below for sending and publishing the Notice of Settlement.

1.30 **“Preliminary Approval Order”** means the order in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 as further described in Paragraph 3.1.

1.31 **“Released Claims”** include all claims that the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties related to or arising from payments of proceeds from the sale of oil or gas to Class Members or any of their predecessors, successors, or assigns, during the Claim Period, by Defendant (or by any person or entity making payments on Defendant’s behalf including without limitation an operator acting in a ministerial capacity under 52 O.S. § 570.4) that were allegedly (i) late, untimely, or delayed; or (ii) did not include the proper amount of interest under the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 O.S. §570.1, *et seq.* (the “PRSA”), or any other applicable statute or regulation. As used in this paragraph, “claims” include without limitation any assertion, allegation, claim, demand, right, debt, request for payment, cause of action, liability, loss, damage (including without limitation incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages), deficiency, remedy, judgment, lien, penalty, cost, expense, attorney fee, interest, suit, or proceeding of every kind, at law or in equity, regardless of whether any of the foregoing are asserted or unasserted, now known or hereinafter discovered, matured or unmatured, or accrued, contingent, or potential, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in the commencement of a lawsuit, filing of a claim, or a legal proceeding of whatsoever kind, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in a final and appealable order, ruling, or judgment. The Released Claims include without limitation all claims asserted, made, alleged, or described in the Petition, as well as any claims for any alternative legal theories that relate to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) of oil and gas production proceeds. The Released Claims expressly do not include any claims other than those related to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) and do not include claims for underpayment of royalty that are not based on late, untimely, or

delayed payments or the improper amount of interest thereon. The Released Claims expressly do not include claims against entities other than the Released Parties for payments made on Defendant's behalf under 52 O.S. § 570.4(B) to the extent such parties' own actions caused the payments to be late.

1.32 **"Released Parties"** means Defendant (including under its previous name Unimark L.L.C.); its parents and affiliates; each of their respective predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons' and entities' heirs, successors and assigns.

1.33 **"Releasing Parties"** means Plaintiff and the Class Members, and each of their respective parents, affiliates, predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons' and entities' heirs, successors and assigns.

1.34 **"Request for Exclusion"** means any request for exclusion from the Settlement Class pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 that meets the requirements set by the Court for exclusion.

1.35 **"Residual Unclaimed Funds"** means any portion of the Net Settlement Fund that has not been deposited, cashed or otherwise claimed by a Class Member, including but not limited to: (a) the amounts described as "Residual Unclaimed Funds" in Paragraphs 5.5, 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12, along with any interest and returns that accrue on such amounts, and (b) the amount of Distribution Checks sent to Class Members that are voided because they are not

cash or deposited within the time period specified on the Distribution Check, along with any interest and returns that accrue on such amounts.

1.36 **“Settlement”** means the Parties’ agreement to resolve the Litigation as described herein.

1.37 **“Settlement Account”** means an account maintained by the Settlement Administrator.

1.38 **“Settlement Administrator”** means the person or entity that is approved and appointed by the Court to administer the Settlement.

1.39 **“Settlement Class”** shall mean the below-described class that the Parties have agreed should be certified for settlement purposes only pursuant to the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court in the same or similar form attached hereto as Exhibit

1. The Settlement Class is to be specifically defined as follows:

All non-excluded persons or entities who received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant’s designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon.

The persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (2) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (3) persons or entities that Plaintiff’s Counsel may be prohibited from representing under rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, and their relatives and any related trusts; and (4) officers of the court.

Except as expressly excluded from the Settlement Class as set forth above, the Parties intend the Settlement Class to be construed as broadly as possible to include all persons or entities that otherwise meet the definition of the Settlement Class.

1.40 “**Supplemental Agreement 1**” shall mean the confidential supplemental agreement between the Parties relating to the separately agreed-upon threshold referenced in Paragraphs 1.20 and 6.6 of this Settlement Agreement.

1.41 “**Supplemental Agreement 2**” shall mean the confidential supplemental agreement between the Parties referenced in Paragraph 7.2

1.42 “**Supplemental Agreements**” mean Supplemental Agreement 1 and Supplemental Agreement 2.

## **2. CONSIDERATION**

2.1 The Parties agree to settle the Litigation as set forth herein. In exchange for Plaintiff’s releases, covenants and agreements in the Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements, both on her behalf and on behalf of the Class Members, Defendant agrees to pay the Gross Settlement Fund.

2.2 Defendant shall pay the Gross Settlement Fund into the Settlement Account within 30 business days after the later of: (a) entry of the Preliminary Approval Order; or (b) receipt by Defendant of information from Plaintiff necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds, including wiring instructions to include the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Account has been established. After the date on which Defendant pays the Gross Settlement Fund into the Settlement Account, neither Defendant nor Defendant’s Counsel has any liability to Plaintiff, Plaintiff’s Counsel, or the Settlement Class with respect to the Gross Settlement Fund or its administration, including but not limited to any distributions made by the Settlement Administrator. If Defendant fails to pay the amount of the Gross Settlement Fund into the Settlement Account within the time specified above, beginning on the date on which the payment is due, such amount will accrue interest at the effective federal

funds rate, as posted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the first business day of the calendar year in which the payment is due.

2.3 The Parties agree that the Settlement of the Released Claims is supported by adequate consideration reflecting the cash sum of \$900,000.00 to be paid by Defendant into the Gross Settlement Fund, and Defendant's agreements, releases, and covenants herein.

2.4 The Participating Class Members agree, in exchange for their respective shares, if any, of the Net Settlement Fund, and the performance of the other obligations and duties of Defendant as set forth herein, to give the Mutual Release, Dismissal and Covenant Not to Sue described in Section 4 below, and the other valuable consideration provided herein.

### **3. PLAN OF NOTICE AND COURT APPROVALS**

3.1 Plaintiff will file a motion with the Court seeking preliminary approval of the Settlement no later than August 20, 2019, which shall include the proposed Preliminary Approval Order, in substantially the same form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, which will, *inter alia*: (a) certify the Settlement Class for the purposes of this Settlement only; (b) preliminarily approve the Settlement as set forth in this Settlement Agreement; (c) approve the Notice of Settlement and Plan of Notice; and (d) direct the Settlement Administrator to provide the Notice of Settlement to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Plan of Notice or in any other manner the Court may direct in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

3.2 Plaintiff will request the Court enter the Preliminary Approval Order no later than 30 days after the date the Parties execute this Settlement Agreement (unless the Court requires a later date).

3.3 No later than 10 business days after the Preliminary Approval Order is entered, to the extent not already provided, Defendant shall provide Plaintiff's Counsel in electronic format: (a) the payment history data for payments of proceeds from the sale of oil or gas production

made by Defendant for production through December 31, 2017, for wells located in Oklahoma, including the names, last known addresses, and taxpayer identification numbers of persons or entities receiving those payments; and (b) to the extent currently known, a list of payments of Oklahoma statutory interest previously made by Defendant on those proceeds. Defendant has sold its assets related to the payment of proceeds from the sale of oil or gas production in Oklahoma effective January 1, 2018, and does not have payment history data for production from that date forward. Defendant agrees to cooperate in providing this payment history data to Plaintiff's Counsel and understands that the deadlines set forth in this Settlement Agreement are based in part on Defendant's timely provision of this payment history data to Plaintiff's Counsel.

3.4 After the Preliminary Approval Order is entered and prior to sending the Notice of Settlement, the Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to: (a) verify the last-known addresses of potential Class Members provided by Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 3.3 and (b) locate current addresses of any potential Class Members for whom Defendant has not provided an address.

3.5 Within 45 days after entry of the Preliminary Approval Order or at such time as is ordered by the Court, the Settlement Administrator will mail (or cause to be mailed) the Notice of Settlement (in substantially the same form as Exhibit 3) by first class mail to all potential Class Members who have been identified after reasonable efforts to do so. The Notice of Settlement will be mailed to potential Class Members using the payment history data described in Paragraph 3.3 above and any updated addresses found by the Settlement Administrator. Within 10 days after mailing the first Notice of Settlement, or at such time as is ordered by the Court, the Settlement Administrator also shall publish (or cause to be published) the summary Notice of Settlement (in substantially the same form as Exhibit 4) one time in each of the

following newspapers: (a) *The Oklahoman*, a paper of general circulation in Oklahoma; (b) the *Tulsa World*, a paper of general circulation in Oklahoma; (c) *The Daily Ardmoreite*, a paper of local circulation; (d) the *Fairview Republican*, a paper of local circulation; (e) the *McAlester News-Capital*, a paper of local circulation; and (f) the *Holdenville Tribune*, a paper of local circulation. Within 10 days after mailing the first Notice of Settlement and continuing through the date of the Final Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator also will display (or cause to be displayed) on an Internet website dedicated to this Settlement the following documents: (a) the Notice of Settlement, (b) the Long Form Notice (in substantially the same form as Exhibit 5), (c) the Petition and Answer, (d) this Settlement Agreement, and (e) the Preliminary Approval Order. Upon request from a Class Member, the Settlement Administrator will directly mail a copy of the Long Form Notice to the Class Member. Neither Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff, the Settlement Class, nor Plaintiff's Counsel shall have any liability for failure of the Notice of Settlement to reach any Class Member.

3.6 At its sole expense, Defendant shall issue the notice of settlement contemplated by CAFA in accordance with the deadlines provided by CAFA. Any failure or delay by Defendant to timely issue any CAFA notice shall not be sufficient reason to delay or continue the Final Fairness Hearing. The Final Fairness Hearing shall be scheduled for a date that will allow for the notice requirement of CAFA to be satisfied.

3.7 No later than 28 calendar days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, if the Settlement has not been terminated, Plaintiff's Counsel and Plaintiff shall move for: (a) final approval of the Settlement pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e); (b) entry of the Judgment; (c) final approval of the Allocation Methodology and Initial Plan of Allocation; and (d) Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and/or a Case



Contribution Award. After Notice of Settlement is given in the manner directed by the Court, the Parties will request the Court hold a Final Fairness Hearing as described in the Notice of Settlement, and to then enter Judgment, and specifically approving all terms and provisions of the Settlement, including the Allocation Methodology and Final Plan of Allocation; provided however that Defendant will take no position on the Allocation Methodology (or any Plan of Allocation implementing the Allocation Methodology) unless such matters affect Defendant's bargained-for rights under this Settlement Agreement or the Supplemental Agreements. The Judgment shall include substantially the following provisions:

- (i) Approve the Settlement between the Settlement Class and Defendant embodied in this Settlement Agreement, including any Allocation Methodology, as fair, reasonable and adequate to each Class Member within the meaning of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23;
- (ii) Dismiss all Plaintiff's claims in the Litigation with prejudice, but retain continuing jurisdiction to enter any orders necessary to enforce the terms of the Settlement Agreement, including the administration of the Settlement and/or entry of injunctive or other relief to enforce, implement, administer, construe and interpret the Settlement Agreement;
- (iii) Adjudge that Participating Class Members have conclusively released all the Released Claims that the Releasing Parties have against all Released Parties and likewise adjudge that the Released Parties have released the claims set forth in Paragraph 4.2;
- (iv) Bar and permanently enjoin all Participating Class Members from prosecuting, commencing, or continuing any of the Released Claims against the Released Parties;
- (v) Find that the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate and was entered into between the Parties in good faith and without collusion;
- (vi) Find that, by agreeing to settle the Released Claims, Defendant does not admit, and specifically denies, any and all liability to the Settlement Class, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel;
- (vii) Find that the notice of the Settlement has been given as required by law, that all statutory and constitutional requirements have been met, and further, that the Class Members have been afforded a reasonable opportunity to opt out of or object to the Litigation and Settlement;
- (viii) Order any person or entity who receives a Distribution Check that he/she/it is not legally entitled to receive to either: (1) pay the appropriate

portion(s) of the Distribution Check to the person(s) legally entitled to receive such portion(s) or (2) return the Distribution Check uncashed to the Settlement Administrator;

- (ix) Find and determine that there is no just reason to delay the finality of the Judgment and expressly direct the filing of the Judgment as a judgment; and
- (x) Order that the Settlement may never be used for any purpose in any subsequent litigation against Defendant or any other Released Party other than to enforce the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

#### **4. MUTUAL RELEASE, DISMISSAL AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

4.1 Upon the Effective Date, the Released Parties, individually and collectively, shall be fully, finally and forever released from the Released Claims of the Participating Class Members and other Releasing Parties, and such Releasing Parties shall be enjoined from asserting or prosecuting any Released Claims against any Released Parties.

4.2 Upon the Effective Date, Defendant, on behalf of itself and the Released Parties, individually and collectively: (a) shall be deemed by operation of law to have fully, finally and forever released, relinquished, waived, discharged and dismissed any and all claims against Plaintiff and the Participating Class Members related to any payment of statutory interest made by Defendant during the Claim Period; (b) shall be enjoined from asserting or prosecuting any such claims against same; and (c) agrees and covenants not to sue Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, or the Participating Class Members for any and all claims related to any payment of statutory interest made by Defendant during the Claim Period.

4.3 Upon the Effective Date and for the consideration provided for herein, each and every Participating Class Member and Plaintiff's Counsel: (a) agrees and covenants that, in addition to the foregoing release of the Released Claims, he or she shall not, at any time, directly or indirectly, on any Class Member's behalf, sue, institute, or assert against the Released Parties any claims or actions on or concerning the Released Claims and (b) acknowledges that the

foregoing covenant shall apply and have effect by virtue of this Settlement Agreement and by operation of the Judgment. Each Participating Class Member and Plaintiff's Counsel further agrees and acknowledges that the covenants not to sue provided for in this paragraph are made to inure to the benefit of, and are specifically enforceable by, each of the Released Parties.

4.4 As part of the motion for final approval of the Settlement and entry of Judgment, Plaintiff will move to dismiss all claims in the Litigation with prejudice. However, any continuing obligations arising from the Settlement shall survive any partial or later complete dismissal of the Litigation until they are determined by the Court to have been fully performed, and the Court, along with any appellate court with power to review the Court's orders and rulings in the Litigation, shall retain exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over this Litigation for purposes of enforcing this Settlement Agreement and any issues associated therewith.

## **5. SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT AND PAYMENT OF TAXES**

5.1 All funds held by the Settlement Administrator shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and/or further order of the Court. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing between Defendant and Plaintiff's Counsel, the Settlement Administrator shall invest any funds in excess of \$100,000 in United States Treasury Bills having maturities of 90 days or less, or money market mutual funds comprised of investments secured by the full faith and credit of the United States Government, or an account fully insured by the United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"). Any funds held by the Settlement Administrator in an amount less than \$100,000 may be held in an interest-bearing account insured by the FDIC or money market mutual funds comprised of investments secured by the full faith and credit of the United States Government or fully insured by the United States Government. All risks related to the

investment of the Gross Settlement Fund shall be borne solely by the Gross Settlement Fund.

5.2 The Parties agree that the Gross Settlement Fund is intended to be a qualified settlement fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that the Settlement Administrator, as administrator of the Settlement Account within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for timely filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)). All taxes, interest, and penalties on the income earned on the funds in the Settlement Account shall be paid out of the Settlement Account as provided herein. The Settlement Administrator shall also be solely responsible for causing payment to be made from the Gross Settlement Fund of any taxes, interest, and penalties owed with respect to the Gross Settlement Fund. The Settlement Administrator, as administrator of the Gross Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a “relation back election,” as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the qualified settlement fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

5.3 Any tax returns prepared for the Gross Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the Settlement Agreement and in all events shall reflect that all taxes (including any interest or penalties) on the income earned by the Gross Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Gross Settlement Fund as provided herein. The Gross Settlement Fund shall indemnify and hold all Released Parties, Defendant, Defendant’s Counsel, Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel harmless for any taxes, interest, penalties, and related

expenses of any kind whatsoever (including without limitation, taxes payable by reason of any such indemnification) on income earned while the Gross Settlement Fund (or any portion thereof) is in the Settlement Account. The Parties shall notify the Settlement Administrator promptly if they receive any notice of any claim for taxes relating to the Gross Settlement Fund.

5.4 All income taxes, if any, incurred on the part of the Class Members in connection with the implementation of this Settlement Agreement shall be reported and paid by the individual Class Members to the extent of their individual tax liability on proceeds they individually receive. Except for any amounts withheld for tax purposes by the Settlement Administrator, the individual Class Members are solely responsible for the payment of any and all taxes attributable to payments to them under this Settlement Agreement. Settlement Administrator and the Gross Settlement Fund shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for such payments. Plaintiff's Counsel, Released Parties, Defendant, and Defendant's Counsel shall have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for such payments or any taxes or assessments, interest, or penalties on amounts distributed to a Class Member. Plaintiff shall not have any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any taxes or assessments, interest, or penalties on amounts distributed to another Class Member. The Released Parties, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, and the Class Members will bear no responsibility for any taxes due on Plaintiff's Attorney's Fees, any reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, or any Case Contribution Award, and such taxes will not be paid from the Settlement Account.

5.5 All distributions shall be subject to any required federal, state, or local income tax withholding, which the Settlement Administrator shall withhold and pay to the appropriate taxing authorities. The Settlement Administrator shall prepare, file, and provide IRS Form 1099s to Class Members, or, in the event a Form 1099 is not required, an explanation of such payment.

In the event Form 1099s are not filed by the Settlement Administrator, the Settlement Administrator is solely responsible for paying any resulting taxes, interest, or penalties associated with such failure to file Form 1099s. In the event a Distribution Check is not cashed or is returned to the Settlement Administrator, such that a Class Member does not receive payment of the amount distributed, the Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to identify a correct address for such Class Member and shall request a refund from the taxing authority to whom any withheld taxes were paid on behalf of the Class Member who did not receive payment, and such refunds will become part of the Residual Unclaimed Funds. The Parties and Plaintiff's and Defendant's Counsel shall have no liability for any filed IRS Forms 1099. The Gross Settlement Fund shall indemnify and hold all Released Parties, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel harmless for any penalties and related expenses of any kind whatsoever associated with any filed IRS Forms 1099. The Parties shall notify the Settlement Administrator promptly if they receive any notice of any claim for penalties relating to a filed IRS Form 1099.

5.6 The Parties agree that the Released Parties, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel have no responsibility or liability for any severance taxes or other taxes any person or entity may later claim to be due on the amounts disbursed to the Class Members from the Settlement Account.

5.7 In the event Defendant is required to pay any such taxes or assessments attributable to the Class Members, including any applicable interest or penalties, Defendant shall be entitled to recover from each Class Member that portion of such taxes or assessments, interest, and penalties attributable to the portion of the Net Settlement Fund allocated to such Class Member by any lawful means available to Defendant, including

deduction or offset from any future payments to the Class Member. Defendant shall also be entitled to immediately recover any such taxes from the Residual Unclaimed Funds without affecting Defendant's ability to recover such amount directly from the Class Member or affecting the amount of any refund to be paid to Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 6.6.

5.8 Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator do not provide any tax advice whatsoever and shall have no liability whatsoever for any taxes or assessments due, if any, on the Gross Settlement Fund. Any Class Member with tax questions or concerns is urged to immediately contact his/her own tax adviser. Defendant will have no input in determining the amount of taxes payable by the Settlement Class or how the taxes will be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund and likewise will not be bound in any respect by such determination or be attributed with any agreement as to whether the taxes paid by the Settlement Class are due or payable.

5.9 The Released Parties shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to the maintenance, investment, distribution or any other action or inaction related to the Net Settlement Fund, the establishment or maintenance of the Settlement Account, the payment or withholding of any taxes, or any other expenses or losses in connection with such matters.

5.10 Before making any distribution from the Settlement Account prior to the Effective Date, approval of each proposed distribution must be obtained from Defendant, and then the Settlement Administrator and/or Plaintiff's Counsel must request and receive approval of the distribution from the Court in a written order. After the Effective Date, it shall no longer be necessary to first obtain approval from Defendant of proposed distributions. The request for distribution shall include the amount of the distribution, a breakdown of the line items included

in the proposed distribution, and any supporting documents necessary for the Court to verify that the amount comports with the terms of the Settlement and any applicable Court order.

**6. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION, ALLOCATION,  
AND DISTRIBUTION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND**

6.1 The Allocation Methodology is a matter separate and apart from the proposed Settlement between Plaintiff and Defendant and is to be considered by the Court separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of this Settlement. Provided that none of the terms of the Settlement or the Supplemental Agreements are modified by such decision, any decision by the Court concerning the Allocation Methodology shall not affect the validity or finality of the Settlement or operate to terminate or cancel this Settlement or affect the finality of the Judgment. Further, after the issuance of any notice contemplated by this Settlement Agreement or ordered by the Court, the Allocation Methodology may be modified without any further notice being required, provided the modification satisfies due process and is approved by the Court.

6.2 Plaintiff's Counsel shall, subject to Court approval, allocate the Net Settlement Fund to individual Participating Class Members proportionately based on the amount of statutory interest allegedly owed on the original underlying payment that allegedly occurred outside the time periods required by the PRSA, with due regard for the production date, the date the underlying payment was made, the amount of the underlying payment, the time periods set forth in the PRSA, any additional statutory interest that Plaintiff's Counsel believes has since accrued, and the amount of interest or returns that have accrued on the Participating Class Member's proportionate share of the Net Settlement Fund during the time such share was held in the Settlement Account.



6.3 No distributions will be made to Class Members who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00 under the Initial Plan of Allocation. This *de minimis* threshold is set in order to preserve the overall Net Settlement Fund from the costs of claims that are likely to exceed the value of those claims. It has been determined by Plaintiff's Counsel that \$10.00 is a reasonable *de minimis* threshold. A Class Member that falls into this category may request to be excluded from this Litigation as described in this Settlement Agreement or otherwise will be bound by the Settlement Agreement and all provisions thereof despite receiving no payment under the Final Plan of Allocation. In the event the Court refuses to approve the \$10.00 *de minimis* payment provision contained in this paragraph, such refusal will not be grounds to disturb or terminate the Settlement Agreement by any Party; instead, Plaintiff's Counsel will submit an alternative plan of allocation that does not include the \$10.00 *de minimis* payment provision contained in this paragraph.

6.4 This allocation is subject to modification by Plaintiff's Counsel and final approval by the Court. Neither Defendant nor Defendant's Counsel is responsible or liable for any aspect of the Allocation Methodology or any plan of allocation implementing that methodology.

6.5 No later than 28 days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, Plaintiff's Counsel will provide the Initial Plan of Allocation to Defendant. The Initial Plan of Allocation will reflect the amount of the Distribution Check to be sent to each Class Member based upon (a) the payment history data provided by Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 3.3 above; (b) the assumption that no Class Member becomes an Opt-Out; and (c) the assumption that Plaintiff's Counsel's application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and Case Contribution Award will be approved. Plaintiff's Counsel may rely on the payment history data provided by Defendant pursuant to Paragraph 3.3 above for purposes of the Initial Plan of Allocation and is

under no obligation to independently verify such data. Plaintiff will submit for approval by the Court the Initial Plan of Allocation based on the provisions of this section as part of or in conjunction with the Final Fairness Hearing.

6.6 Within 30 days after the Final Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will (a) refund to Defendant the amount attributable to Opt-Outs in excess of the separately agreed-upon threshold under the Allocation Methodology as set forth in Supplemental Agreement 1, and (b) provide Defendant with the detail necessary for the Court and Defendant to verify the Settlement Administrator's calculation of the refund amount. Supplemental Agreement 1 shall not be filed with the Court, unless requested by the Court, and then shall only be filed under seal for *in camera* inspection by the Court. The terms of this provision may only be altered or amended by written agreement signed by Defendant's and Plaintiff's Counsel.

6.7 Within 60 days after the Effective Date, Plaintiff will file and seek approval of a Final Plan of Allocation. The Final Plan of Allocation will indicate the proportionate amount of the Net Settlement Fund to be paid to each Participating Class Member pursuant to the Allocation Methodology and the Initial Plan of Allocation.

6.8 The Settlement Administrator shall administer the Settlement and distribute the Net Settlement Fund under Plaintiff's Counsel's supervision in accordance with this Settlement Agreement and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. The Net Settlement Fund shall be distributed to Participating Class Members according to the Final Plan of Allocation, as determined by Plaintiff's Counsel, or according to such other plan of allocation and distribution order(s) as the Court approves. Further, to the extent Defendant has not provided the taxpayer identification number for a Class Member, the Settlement Administrator shall make reasonable efforts to obtain the Class Member's tax identification number, including making reasonable

inquiry and sending a form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification to the best reasonably obtainable address of the Class Member. Defendant will have no responsibility with regard to the administration of the Settlement.

6.9 The Parties agree that, other than the refund described in Paragraph 6.6 and Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs necessarily expended before that time, no part of the Gross Settlement Fund will be distributed until the Effective Date. If the Settlement is not finally approved in a Judgment, the full Gross Settlement Fund (less such funds as were previously expended as Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs) and any accrued interest or returns earned in the Settlement Account will be refunded to Defendant within five (5) days from the date of entry of an order by the Court declining to approve the Settlement.

6.10 After Court approval and entry of the Final Plan of Allocation, the Settlement Administrator will make prompt distribution of funds to those ordered by the Court to receive those funds. The Settlement Administrator will only make distributions based on the Final Plan of Allocation approved by the Court. It is contemplated that distributions may be made in waves, where using that approach is more efficient for the Settlement Administrator, so that payments to readily identified owners are not unduly delayed. The Settlement Administrator will make a diligent effort to mail the first Distribution Checks within 90 days after the Effective Date and, within the subsequent 90 days, will mail the Distribution Checks representing the remaining 95% of the Net Settlement Fund (such percentage to be calculated based upon the amount of payments shown in the Final Plan of Allocation). The remainder of the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Participating Class Members within 6 months after the Effective Date. Any portion of the Net Settlement Fund remaining in the Settlement Account 120 days after the

Settlement Administrator sends the final wave of Distribution Checks will be considered Residual Unclaimed Funds that will be refunded to Defendant.

6.11 The Settlement Administrator will use commercially reasonable efforts, subject to review and approval by Plaintiff's Counsel, to distribute the Net Settlement Fund. If the information needed to send a Distribution Check cannot be obtained through such efforts, the portion of the Net Settlement Fund attributable to such Class Member will remain in the Settlement Account as Residual Unclaimed Funds and shall be refunded to Defendant.

6.12 If a Distribution Check is returned to the Settlement Administrator for incorrect or insufficient address, the Settlement Administrator and/or consultants working with the Settlement Administrator will use commercially reasonable methods to locate an updated address and will re-issue and re-mail the Distribution Check within 30 days. If the second Distribution Check is returned and the Class Member cannot be located through commercially reasonable efforts, the portion of the Net Settlement Fund attributable to them will remain in the Settlement Account for 90 days after the date the Second Distribution Check was returned and, thereafter, will be considered Residual Unclaimed Funds that shall be paid to Defendant.

6.13 Included with each Distribution Check shall be an enclosure that includes the following notice (or, if a change is required by the Court, a notice substantially the same as the following):

Class Member: The enclosed check represents a share of the net settlement fund in the settlement of the Class Action *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. You are receiving this distribution and check because you have been identified as a Class Member in this action. If you are not legally entitled to the proceeds identified on the check, the Court has entered an Order that requires you to pay these proceeds to persons legally entitled thereto or return this check uncashed to the sender.

The person to whom this check was originally made payable, and anyone to whom the check has been assigned by that person, has accepted this payment

pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, Notice of Settlement, and Judgment related thereto, which releases, *inter alia*, Defendant and the other Released Parties (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) from any and all Released Claims (as defined in the Settlement Agreement). Pursuant to the Order of the Court, it is the duty of the payee of the check to ensure that the funds are paid to the Class Member(s) entitled to the funds, and the release by Class Member(s) entitled to the funds shall be effective regardless of whether such Class Member(s) receive some, all, or none of the proceeds paid to a payee of a settlement check.

This check shall be null and void if not endorsed and negotiated within ninety (90) days after its date. The release of claims provided in the settlement shall be effective regardless of whether this check is cashed.

6.14 Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, the Settlement Administrator, Plaintiff, and Plaintiff's Counsel shall have no liability to any Class Member for mispayments, overpayments, or underpayments of the Net Settlement Fund.

6.15 If any Class Member has been paid any portion of the Net Settlement Fund for any period of time for which that Class Member was not entitled to receive that payment, and some other person or entity who owned or claims they owned the right to assert the Released Claims and asserts a claim against any of the Released Parties for payment of all or a portion of the Net Settlement Fund or any other Released Claim, then the Class Member who received an excess share shall be liable for any overpayment amount to the person who is determined to have been properly owed that amount, and that Class Member shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless any of the Released Parties, Plaintiff's Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, or any other Class Member.

6.16 Upon completing all distributions of the Net Settlement Fund to Participating Class Members, complying with the Court's order(s) in furtherance of this Settlement, providing the refund to Defendant as set forth in Paragraph 6.6, and distributing the Residual Unclaimed Funds or any other funds as set forth in Paragraph 6.17 to Defendant, the Settlement

Administrator will have satisfied all obligations relating to the payment and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

6.17 Within 120 days after the Settlement Administrator sends the final wave of Distribution Checks, the Settlement Administrator shall send a reconciliation of the amount remaining in the Settlement Account to Defendant's and Plaintiff's Counsel. The reconciliation must include (a) a detail of each distribution or refund made from the Settlement Account; (b) the detail of any interest or other returns earned on the Settlement Account; (c) the total Residual Unclaimed Funds and detail sufficient to verify that total; and (d) detail showing the total amount of the Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs paid from the Settlement Account. The Settlement Administrator must pay the total amount remaining in the Settlement Account to Defendant no later than 10 business days after sending this reconciliation to Defendant's and Plaintiff's Counsel.

6.18 The Court shall retain jurisdiction to determine any issues relating to the payment and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, and any claims relating thereto shall be determined by the Court alone, and shall be limited to a determination of the claimant's entitlement to any portion of the Net Settlement Fund, and no consequential, punitive, or other damages; fees; interest; or costs shall be awarded in any proceeding regarding any such determination.

6.19 The Mutual Release, Dismissal, and Covenant Not to Sue shall be effective as provided in this Settlement Agreement, regardless of whether or not particular members of the Settlement Class did or did not receive payment from the Net Settlement Fund and regardless of whether or not any person or entity who received a Distribution Check was obligated pursuant to the Judgment to pay some or all of the distributed funds to another Class Member in fact made such payment to such other member of the Settlement Class. The failure of a person or entity

who received a Distribution Check to make payment to another Class Member pursuant to the payment obligations of the Judgment shall not be a defense to enforcement of the release of the Released Claims against the Released Parties or the covenant not to sue, as to any Class Member.

6.20 Except in the case of willful and intentional malfeasance of a dishonest nature directly causing such loss, Plaintiff's Counsel, Plaintiff, Released Parties, Defendant's Counsel, Defendant, and the Settlement Class shall have no liability for loss of any portion of the Settlement Account under any circumstances and, in the event of such malfeasance, only the party whose malfeasance directly caused the loss has any liability for the portion of the Settlement Account lost.

## **7. ATTORNEYS' FEES, CASE CONTRIBUTION AWARD, AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

7.1 No later than 28 calendar days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, Plaintiff's Counsel may apply to the Court for an award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees to Plaintiff's Counsel, a Case Contribution Award to Plaintiff, and for reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Defendant has no obligation for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses. Each of Plaintiff's Counsel indemnifies and holds Defendant and the Released Parties harmless for any claims by any other attorneys or law firms for any alleged lien or interest in the award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or Litigation Expenses. Therefore, Defendant shall not take any position with respect to the applications; the amounts of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses sought; or with respect to whether the Court should make any or all such awards. However, Defendant agrees not to contest an application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees up to and including 40% of the Gross Settlement Fund. Any award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees will be governed by federal common law as set forth in Paragraph 11.8. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel agree to seek any award of

Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, and Litigation Expenses exclusively from the Gross Settlement Fund. Defendant shall have no responsibility for and shall take no position with respect to the allocation among Plaintiff's Counsel of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or Litigation Expenses, nor will it encourage anyone to object thereto.

7.2 Subject to the conditions and qualifications set forth below, any Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Plaintiff's Counsel by the Court shall be paid to Plaintiff's Counsel from the Gross Settlement Fund, to the extent practicable through reasonably diligent efforts by the Settlement Administrator, one (1) business day following the Court's entry of the Judgment or other order(s) finally approving the Settlement and awarding Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. However, the specific terms and conditions related to this provision are contained in a separate supplemental agreement between the Parties ("Supplemental Agreement 2"). Supplemental Agreement 2 shall not be filed with the Court, unless requested by the Court, and then shall only be filed under seal for *in camera* inspection by the Court. The terms of this provision may only be altered or amended by written agreement signed by Defendant's Counsel and Plaintiff's Counsel.

7.3 Any Case Contribution Award that is awarded by the Court shall be paid to Plaintiff with the Court's approval from the Gross Settlement Fund, on or after the Effective Date.

7.4 An award of Plaintiffs' Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Settlement Agreement and is not a condition of this Settlement Agreement. No decision by the Court or any court on any application for an award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses shall affect the



validity or finality of the Settlement. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement Agreement or the Settlement based on this Court's or any other court's ruling with respect to Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses.

## **8. REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION**

8.1 Plaintiff shall not submit a Request for Exclusion and neither Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, Defendant, Defendant's Counsel, nor anyone acting on behalf of said persons or entities, shall encourage anyone else to submit a Request for Exclusion. Nevertheless, this Settlement Agreement does not prohibit Plaintiff's Counsel from counseling any Class Member as to his, her, or its legal rights under this Settlement Agreement or prohibit any Class Member who seeks such counsel from electing to file a Request for Exclusion from the Settlement Class in accordance with the Court's orders on the subject.

8.2 Any putative Class Member who timely and properly submits a valid Request for Exclusion, as described below, shall have no right to object to the Settlement in any way, including but not limited to, the fairness, reasonableness and/or amount of any aspect of the Settlement, Notice of Settlement, Plaintiff's Counsel's request for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses, Case Contribution Award, the Allocation Methodology, any Plan of Allocation using the Allocation Methodology, or any distribution or refund of the Net Settlement Fund or Residual Unclaimed Funds.

8.3 All Requests for Exclusion must be served on Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, on such terms that will be contained in the Preliminary Approval Order and the Notice of Settlement, in the manner set by the Court at least 14 calendar days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, unless such deadline is changed or altered by order of the Court.

8.4 All Requests for Exclusion must include: (a) the Class Member's name, address, telephone number, and notarized signature; (b) a statement that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*; and (c) a description of the Class Member's interest in any wells for which it has received payments from Defendant, including the name, well number, county in which the well is located, and the owner identification number. Requests for Exclusion may not be submitted through the website or by telephone, facsimile or e-mail.

## 9. TERMINATION

9.1 Within 10 business days after: (a) the Court entering an order denying the motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement or expressly declining to enter the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) the Court refusing to approve this Settlement Agreement or any material part of it; (c) the Court denying the motion for final approval or declining to enter the Judgment; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect and such modification or reversal becomes Final and Non-Appealable, Plaintiff and Defendant shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement by providing written notice to the other entities that are signatories to this Settlement Agreement of an election to do so; *provided, however*, that any court decision, ruling, or order solely with respect to an application for Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, or Litigation Expenses, or to the Allocation Methodology (or any Plan of Allocation using the Allocation Methodology) shall not be grounds for termination. The Parties may also terminate the Settlement pursuant to the terms of Supplemental Agreement 1.

9.2 In the event that the Settlement is terminated, all Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs paid from the Settlement Account prior to the date of termination will not be returned or repaid to Defendant. In the event that the Settlement is terminated, any

Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs paid or incurred by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel under 1.1(f) cannot be recovered as costs by Plaintiff in the Litigation.

9.3 The "Effective Date" shall be the first business day on which all of the following shall have occurred:

- (a) Defendant has fully paid, or caused to be fully paid, the Gross Settlement Fund, as required above;
- (b) neither Defendant nor Plaintiff have terminated the Settlement and all such rights have expired;
- (c) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein and entered the Judgment in substantially the same form and content attached hereto as Exhibit 2; and
- (d) such Judgment has become Final and Non-Appealable, as set forth in Paragraph 1.13.

9.4 If either Party exercises a right to terminate the Settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement or Supplemental Agreement 1:

- (a) this Settlement Agreement shall be canceled and terminated;
- (b) the Effective Date shall not occur;
- (c) Plaintiff and Defendant shall be restored to their respective positions as of the day before the Settlement was preliminarily agreed to by the Parties on June 18, 2019;
- (d) the terms and provisions of this Settlement Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein, shall have no further force and effect with respect to Plaintiff, Defendant, or any Class Member and shall not be used in the Litigation or in any other proceeding by anyone for any purpose except to enforce the surviving terms of the Settlement Agreement;
- (e) any Judgment or other order, including any order certifying the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only, entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement, shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*;
- (g) within 15 business days after any such termination, the Gross Settlement Fund (including accrued interest or returns thereon), but less any Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs paid from the Settlement Account prior to the date of termination, shall be refunded by the Settlement Administrator to Defendant; and
- (h) the Litigation shall proceed as if the Settlement Agreement and any orders or motions entered to further the Settlement were never entered.

## **10. OBJECTIONS**

10.1 The Notice of Settlement shall require that any objection to the Settlement, this Settlement Agreement, or to the application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Expenses, and Case Contribution Award be in writing and comply with all the requirements set forth herein and by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and Notice of Settlement.

10.2 If the Court determines that the Settlement, including the Allocation Methodology, the Initial Plan of Allocation, and the awards of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, and Litigation Expenses are fair, adequate and reasonable to the Settlement Class, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel shall represent the Settlement Class as a whole in all future proceedings in district court or on appeal, even if Class Members have objected to the Settlement and those objectors are severed for purposes of appeal.

10.3 The Parties entered into the Settlement to provide certainty and finality to an ongoing dispute. Any Class Member wishing to remain a Class Member, but objecting to any part of the Settlement, can do so only as set forth herein and in the Notice of Settlement documents in substantially the same form as Exhibits 3, 4, and 5, attached hereto. If, after hearing the objection(s), the Court determines that the Settlement, including but not limited to, the Allocation Methodology, any Plans of Allocation, and the awards of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, any Case Contribution Award, and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, is fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class as a whole, then either or both Plaintiff and Defendant (each in their sole discretion) may require each objecting Class Member, to preserve their appellate rights as follows (prior to filing a Notice of Appeal): move for severance and separate appellate review of the individual objecting Class Member's portion of the Settlement, including their individual portion under the Final Plan of Allocation, the award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Case Contribution Award, and Litigation Expenses, the intent being (a) to permit entry of the

Judgment and distributions from the Settlement Account to all other Participating Class Members who do not object and (b) not to delay payment of Court-awarded costs, fees and expenses (to the extent they may be paid pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement).

10.4 If the Court determines that the Settlement, including but not limited to, the Allocation Methodology, the any Plans of Allocation, and the awards of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, any Case Contribution Award, and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, is fair, adequate and reasonable to the Class as a whole, then either or both Plaintiff and Defendant (each in their sole discretion) may require any objecting Class Member, as a prerequisite to pursuing appeal, to put up a cash bond in an amount sufficient to reimburse (a) the appellate fees of Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel and (b) the amount of lost interest to the non-objecting Participating Class Members caused by any delay in distribution of the Net Settlement Fund that is caused by appellate review of the objection.

10.5 Only a Participating Class Member shall have the right to object to the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, or the application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Expenses and Case Contribution Award. In order for an objection to be valid, the written objection must be (a) filed with the Court and served on Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel by United States Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested at least 14 calendar days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing, unless such deadline is extended or altered by Order of the Court and (b) contain the following:

- (i) A heading referring to *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, and to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma;
- (ii) A statement as to whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, either in person or through counsel, and, if through counsel, identifying counsel by name, address and telephone number;

- (iii) A detailed statement of the specific legal and factual basis for each and every objection;
- (iv) A list of any witnesses the objector wishes to call at the Final Fairness Hearing, together with a brief summary of each witness's expected testimony (to the extent the objector desires to offer expert testimony and/or an expert report, any such evidence must fully comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, and the Local Rules of the Court);
- (v) A list of and copies of any exhibits the objector may seek to use at the Final Fairness Hearing;
- (vi) A list of any legal authority the objector may present at the Final Fairness Hearing;
- (vii) The objector's name, current address, current telephone number, and all owner identification numbers with Defendant;
- (viii) The objector's signature executed before a notary public;
- (ix) Identification of the objector's interest in wells for which the objector has received payments made by or on behalf of Defendant (by well name, payee well number, and county in which the well is located) during the Claim Period and identification of such payments by date of payment, date of production, and amount; and
- (x) If the objector is objecting to any portion of the Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or Litigation Expenses sought by Plaintiff's Counsel on the basis that the amounts requested are unreasonably high, the objector must specifically state the portion of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and/or Litigation Expenses he/she believes is fair and reasonable and the portion that is not.

Any Class Member who fails to timely file such written statement and provide the required information will not be permitted to present any objections at the Final Fairness Hearing and such failure will render any such attempted objection untimely and of no effect. All presentations of objections will be further limited by the information listed. A Class Member's mere compliance with the foregoing requirements does not in any way guarantee a Class Member the ability to present evidence or testimony at the Final Fairness Hearing. The decision whether to allow any testimony, argument, or evidence, as well as the scope and duration of any and all presentations of objections at the Final Fairness Hearing, will be in the sole discretion of the Court.

10.6 The Parties will not object to the fairness, adequacy, or reasonableness of the Settlement on appeal. Nor will Defendant take any position on appeal regarding Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, any Case Contribution Award, or any reimbursement of Litigation Expenses. Defendant further will not take any position on appeal regarding the Allocation Methodology (or any Plan of Allocation using the Allocation Methodology) unless such matters affect Defendant's bargained-for rights under this Settlement Agreement or the Supplemental Agreements.

## **11. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

11.1 Defendant expressly denies all allegations of wrongdoing or liability with respect to the claims and allegations in the Litigation and denies that the Litigation could have been properly maintained as a class action. It is expressly agreed that neither this Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, any document referred to herein, the Supplemental Agreements, nor any action taken to carry out the Settlement is, may be construed as, or may be used as, an admission by Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing or liability whatsoever with respect to the claims and allegations in the Litigation. There has been no determination by any court, administrative agency or other tribunal regarding the claims and allegations made in this Litigation. By agreeing to settle the claims of the Settlement Class in the Litigation, Defendant does not admit that the Litigation could have been properly maintained as a contested class action and the Settlement Class does not admit any deficiency in the merits of their claims. Defendant asserts it has valid defenses to Plaintiff's and the Class Member's claims and is entering into the Settlement solely to compromise the disputed claims and avoid the risk and expense of continued litigation.

11.2 Entering into or carrying out the Settlement Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related thereto, is 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 and shall not be

offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding by or against any party hereto in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever other than to enforce the provisions of the Settlement between Defendant and any Class Member(s), the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, or the provisions of any related agreement, order, judgment or release.

11.3 Plaintiff and Defendant shall use their best efforts to encourage and obtain approval of the Settlement. Plaintiff and Defendant also agree to use their best efforts to promptly prepare and execute all documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of this Settlement and to carry out the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements.

11.4 Within 30 calendar days after the Settlement Administrator sends the Residual Unclaimed Funds to Defendant, (a) each Party, each Party's counsel, each Party's consultants, each Party's experts, and any other persons who have hard copy or electronic documents or computer disks of documents produced by the other Party that were designated confidential in the Litigation or documents or information derived from documents the other Party designated as confidential in the Litigation will (at their sole expense) return or destroy all such hard copy or electronic documents and computer disks, and will erase or otherwise delete any and all data stored on computer or on computer disks of such documents or information or the data from such documents or information and (b) each Party will certify in writing to the other Party's counsel that such documents, disks, data and information have been destroyed, returned, erased, or deleted. In addition, within 30 calendar days after the Settlement Administrator sends the Residual Unclaimed Funds to Defendant, (c) Plaintiff and any person or entity to whom Plaintiff has provided such documents will (at their sole expense) destroy, return, delete, or erase any hard



copy or electronic copy of transcripts of depositions or trial testimony or other sworn statements of Defendant's witnesses and any exhibits to any transcripts or statements, and (d) Plaintiff's Counsel will certify in writing to Defendant's Counsel that such documents were destroyed, returned, deleted, or erased. Neither Party will be obligated to destroy, return, erase or delete: (e) any documents previously filed in the public record during the course of the Litigation; (f) any documents Plaintiff and Defendant may agree are not to be considered confidential; (g) any documents subject to a prior agreement between Plaintiff and Defendant allowing their use in other litigation; or (h) transcripts of depositions or trial testimony or other sworn statements of witnesses or exhibits to any transcripts or statements or to any documents filed in the public record. Any protective order on file in this Litigation will survive any Judgment issued by the Court and any documents or other information not destroyed in accordance with this paragraph will remain subject to any protective order and all remedies thereunder.

11.5 Except as otherwise provided herein or by a writing signed by all the signatories hereto, the Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements shall constitute the entire agreement among Plaintiff and Defendant related to the Settlement of the Litigation, and no representations, warranties, or inducements have been made to any party concerning the Settlement other than the representations, warranties, and covenants contained and memorialized in the Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements. Further, none of the Parties have relied upon any representations, warranties, or covenants made by any other Party other than those expressly contained and memorialized in the Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements. This Settlement Agreement may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed by all signatories hereto or their successors-in-interest.

11.6 This Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by facsimile or imaged signatures. Facsimile or imaged signatures will have the same force and effect as original signatures. All executed counterparts taken together shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument. Counsel for the Parties shall exchange among themselves signed counterparts of this Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements, and Plaintiff will file a complete copy of the Settlement Agreement that has been executed by all Parties with the Court.

11.7 Plaintiff and Defendant and their respective counsel have mutually contributed to the preparation of the Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements. Accordingly, no provision of the Settlement Agreement or the Supplemental Agreements shall be construed against any party on the grounds that one of the parties or its counsel drafted the provision. Plaintiff and Defendant are each represented by competent counsel who have advised their respective clients as to the legal effects of this Settlement, and neither Plaintiff nor Defendant have received or relied upon advice from opposing counsel. Except as otherwise provided herein, each party shall bear its own costs in connection with the Litigation, Settlement, and preparation of the Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements.

11.8 To promote certainty, predictability, the full enforceability of this Settlement Agreement as written, and its nationwide application, this Settlement Agreement shall be governed solely by federal law, both substantive and procedural, as to due process, class certification, judgment, collateral estoppel, res judicata, release, settlement approval, allocation, Case Contribution Award, the right to and reasonableness of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses, and all other matters for which there is federal procedural or common law, including federal law regarding federal equitable common fund class actions.

11.9 The Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors, trustees, and assigns of the Parties hereto.

11.10 Plaintiff and Defendant intend this Settlement to be a final and complete resolution of all disputes asserted or that could be asserted with respect to the Released Claims. Accordingly, Defendant agrees not to file a claim against Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel based upon an assertion that the Litigation was brought by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. Similarly, Plaintiff agrees not to file a claim against Defendant or Defendant's Counsel based upon an assertion that the Litigation was defended by Defendant or Defendant's Counsel in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. Plaintiff and Defendant agree that the amount paid and the other terms of this Settlement were negotiated at arm's length and in good faith, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily after consultation with experienced legal counsel. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant shall assert any claims that the other violated the Oklahoma or Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any other law or rule governing litigation conduct in the maintenance or defense of the Litigation.

11.11 The headings in the Settlement Agreement are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

11.12 All disputes and proceedings with respect to the administration, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Plaintiff and Defendant waive any right to trial by jury of any dispute arising under or relating to this Settlement Agreement, the Supplemental Agreements, or the Settlement.

11.13 To the extent non-material modifications of this Settlement Agreement are necessary, such modification may be made by written agreement among Plaintiff and Defendant

after the Execution Date without further notice to the Settlement Class as provided herein. This Settlement Agreement, the Supplemental Agreements, and attached exhibits represent the entire, fully integrated agreement between the Parties with respect to the Settlement of the Litigation and may not be contradicted by evidence of prior or contemporaneous oral agreements between the Parties. This Settlement Agreement cancels and supersedes any and all prior agreements, understandings, representations, and negotiations concerning this Settlement. No additional obligations or understandings shall be inferred or implied from any of the terms of this Settlement Agreement, as all obligations, agreements, and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof are solely and expressly set forth herein. It is understood and agreed that the Parties rely wholly on their own respective judgment, belief and knowledge of the facts relating to the making of this Settlement, which is made without reliance upon any statement, promise, inducement, or consideration not recited herein.

11.14 All counsel and any other persons executing this Settlement Agreement and any of the exhibits hereto, the Supplemental Agreements, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Settlement Agreement to effectuate its terms. Plaintiff and each member of the Settlement Class is deemed to represent and warrant that he, she or it holds the claims being released in the Settlement and that he, she or it has full authority to release such claims.

11.15 Plaintiff and Defendant stipulate and agree that (a) all activity in the Litigation, except that contemplated in the Settlement Agreement, the Supplemental Agreements, the Preliminary Approval Order, the Notice of Settlement, and the Judgment shall be stayed and (b)

all hearings, deadlines, and other proceedings except the preliminary approval hearing (if any), and the Final Fairness Hearing, shall be taken off the calendar.

11.16 If any Party is required to give notice to the other Party under this Settlement Agreement, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt by hand delivery, facsimile transmission or electronic mail to the individuals named in the signature blocks below as for Plaintiff's Counsel, and to the following individuals as for Defendant's Counsel:

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11.17 The Parties agree the Litigation and the Settlement do not relate to the offering of goods or services to persons in the European Union or the monitoring of behavior of persons residing in the European Union; thus, the Parties and Plaintiff's and Defendant's Counsel are not subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) by virtue of anything related to this Settlement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties and Plaintiff's Counsel have executed this Agreement, in several, as of August 20, 2019.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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| Exhibit 1: | 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 |
| Exhibit 2: | Order and Judgment Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement  |
| Exhibit 3: | Notice of Settlement (for Mailing)   |
| Exhibit 4: | Notice of Settlement (for Publication)   |
| Exhibit 5: | Long Form Notice (for Website and Mailing Upon Request)  |



**Exhibit 1**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

PAULA PARKS MCCLINTOCK,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG
	)	
CONTINUUM PRODUCER	)	
SERVICES, L.L.C.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**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**

This is a class action lawsuit brought by Plaintiff, Paula Parks McClintock, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated (“Plaintiff”), against Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., formerly known as Unimark L.L.C. (“Defendant”) for the alleged failure to pay statutory interest on payments made outside the time periods set forth in the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 Okla. St. §570.1, *et seq.* (the “PRSA”) for oil and gas production proceeds from oil and gas wells in Oklahoma. On August 19, 2019, the Parties executed a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Settlement Agreement”) and the Supplemental Agreements finalizing the terms of the Settlement.<sup>1</sup> The Settlement Agreement, together with the documents referenced therein and exhibits thereto, sets forth the terms and conditions for the proposed Settlement of the Litigation. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff now presents the Settlement to the Court for preliminary approval under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.

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



After reviewing the pleadings and Plaintiff's Motion to Certify the Class for Settlement Purposes, Preliminarily Approve Class Action Settlement, Approve Form and Manner of Notice, and Set Date for Final Fairness Hearing ("Motion for Preliminary Approval") and Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law in Support thereof, the Court has preliminarily considered the Settlement to determine, among other things, whether the Settlement warrants the issuance of notice to the Settlement Class. Upon reviewing the Settlement and the Motion for Preliminary Approval, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** as follows:

1. For purposes of this Order, the Court adopts all defined terms as set forth in the Settlement Agreement unless otherwise defined herein.
2. The Court finds the Settlement Class should be certified for the purposes of this Settlement, as the Settlement Class meets all certification requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 for a settlement class.

The certified Settlement Class is defined as follows:

All non-excluded persons or entities who received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant's designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon.

The persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (2) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (3) persons or entities that Plaintiff's Counsel may be prohibited from representing under rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, and their relatives and any related trusts; and (4) officers of the court.

3. The Court finds the above-defined Settlement Class satisfies all prerequisites of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) for purposes of the proposed class settlement:

- a. Numerosity. Plaintiff has demonstrated "[t]he class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable." FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(1). The Tenth Circuit

has not adopted a set number as presumptively sufficient to meet this burden, and there is “no set formula to determine if the class is so numerous that it should be so certified.” *Trevizo v. Adams*, 455 F.3d 1155, 1162 (10th Cir. 2006). Whether a class satisfies the numerosity requirement is “a fact-specific inquiry” that district courts have “wide latitude” when determining. *In re Cox Enters., Inc.*, No. 12-ML-2048-C, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 2459, \*13 (W.D. Okla. Jan. 9, 2014) (quoting *Trevizo*, 455 F.3d at 1162). Here, the Settlement Class consists of thousands of owners. Therefore, the Court finds the numerosity prerequisite is undoubtedly met.

b. Commonality. Plaintiff has also demonstrated “[t]here are questions of law or fact common to the class.” FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(2).

c. Typicality. Plaintiff has also shown “[t]he claims or defenses of the representative parties are typical of the claims or defenses of the class.” FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(3).

d. Adequacy. Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel have demonstrated “[t]he representative parties will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.” FED. R. CIV. P. 23(a)(4).

In addition, because the Court finds Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel to be adequate representatives of the Settlement Class, the Court hereby appoints Plaintiff as Class Representative; Plaintiff’s Counsel, Nix Patterson, LLP, Ryan Whaley Coldiron Jantzen Peters & Webber, PLLC, and Barnes & Lewis, LLP as Class Counsel; and Plaintiff’s Counsel Whitten Burrage and Lawrence R. Murphy, Jr., P.C. as liaison local counsel for the Settlement Class.

4. The Court also finds the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3) are met:

a. Predominance. Class Representative has shown “questions of law or fact common to the members of the class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members.” FED. R. CIV. P. 23(b)(3).

b. Superiority. Class Representative has also established “that a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.” FED. R. CIV. P. 23(b)(3).

In sum, the Court finds all prerequisites and requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)-(b) are satisfied, and the Settlement Class is hereby certified for the purposes of this Settlement. The Settlement Class is certified for settlement purposes only. In determining whether the requirements of Rule 23 have been satisfied for purposes of certifying the above class for settlement purposes, the Court has taken into account the fact of settlement and its impact upon the factors required for certification of the Settlement Class. Among other impacts of settlement, the Court need not inquire whether the case, if tried, would present intractable case management problems, as the result of settlement is that there will be no trial. 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 certified by agreement here for settlement purposes could have ever been certified in this case as a class for litigation purposes.

5. The Court preliminarily finds (a) the proposed Settlement resulted from extensive arm’s-length negotiations; (b) the proposed Settlement was agreed to only after Class Counsel had conducted legal research and discovery regarding the strengths and weakness of Class Representative’s and the Settlement Class’ claims; (c) Class Representative and Class Counsel

have concluded that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate; and (d) the proposed Settlement is sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant sending notice of the proposed Settlement to the Settlement Class.

6. Having considered the essential terms of the Settlement under the recognized standards for preliminary approval as set forth in the relevant jurisprudence, the Court preliminarily approves the Settlement, subject to the right of any member of the Settlement Class to challenge the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of any part of the Settlement, Settlement Agreement, Allocation Methodology, or proposed Initial or Final Plan of Allocation (or any other Plan of Allocation), and to show cause, if any exists, why a final Judgment dismissing the Litigation based on the Settlement Agreement should not be ordered after adequate notice to the Settlement Class has been given in conformity with this Order. As such, the Court finds that those Class Members whose claims would be settled, compromised, dismissed, and released pursuant to the Settlement should be given notice and an opportunity to be heard regarding final approval of the Settlement and other matters.

7. The Court further preliminarily approves the form and content of the proposed Short Form Notice, Summary Notice, and Long Form Notice, which are attached to the Settlement Agreement as Exhibits 3, 4 and 5, respectively, and finds the Short Form Notice, Summary Notice, and Long Form Notice are the best notice practicable under the circumstances, constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive such notice, and fully satisfy the requirements of applicable laws, including due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. The Court finds the form and content of the Short Form Notice, Summary Notice, and Long Form Notice fairly and adequately: (a) describe the terms and effect of the Settlement; (b) notify the Settlement Class of the time and place of the Final Fairness Hearing; (c) describe the options for

requesting exclusion from the Settlement or objecting to the Settlement or any part thereof; and (d) direct potential Class Members to where they may obtain more detailed information about the Settlement.

8. The Court also preliminarily approves the proposed manner of communicating the Short Form Notice, Summary Notice, and Long Form Notice to the Settlement Class, as set out below, and finds it is the best notice practicable under the circumstances, constitutes due and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive such notice, and fully satisfies the requirements of applicable Constitutional standards and other applicable laws, including due process and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23:

a. No later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, the Settlement Administrator will mail (or cause to be mailed) the Short Form Notice by first class mail to all potential Class Members who have been identified after reasonable efforts to do so. The Short Form Notice will be mailed to potential Class Members using the payment history data described in paragraph 3.3 of the Settlement Agreement, the last-known addresses for each payee, and any updated addresses found by the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will also publish the Summary Notice as described below. It is not reasonable or economically practical for the Settlement Administrator to mail the Long Form Notice or for the Parties to do more to determine the names and addresses of Class Members.

b. No later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, or at such time as is ordered by the Court, the Settlement Administrator also shall publish (or cause to be published) the Summary Notice one time in each of the following newspapers: (a) *The Oklahoman*, a paper of general circulation in Oklahoma; (b) the *Tulsa World*, a paper of general circulation in Oklahoma; (c) *The Daily Ardmoreite*, a paper of local circulation; (d) the *Fairview*

*Republican*, a paper of local circulation; (e) the *McAlester News-Capital*, a paper of local circulation; and (f) the *Holdenville Tribune*, a paper of local circulation.

c. Within ten (10) days after mailing the first Short Form Notice and continuing through the Final Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will also display (or cause to be displayed) on an Internet website dedicated to this Settlement the following documents: (i) the Short Form Notice and Summary Notice, (ii) the Petition and Answer, (iii) the Settlement Agreement, (iv) this Order, (v) the Long Form Notice and (vi) other publicly filed documents related to the Settlement.

d. Upon request from a Class Member, the Settlement Administrator will directly mail a copy of the Long Form Notice to the Class Member.

e. The Gross Settlement Fund shall bear any Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs.

9. Class Counsel is authorized to act on behalf of the Settlement Class with respect to all acts required by, or which may be given pursuant to, the Settlement Agreement, or such other acts that are reasonably necessary to consummate the proposed Settlement set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

10. The Court appoints JND Legal Administration to act as Settlement Administrator and perform the associated responsibilities set forth in the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Administrator will receive and process any Requests for Exclusion and, if the Settlement is finally approved by the Court, will supervise and administer the Settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, the Judgment, and the Court's Plan of Allocation order(s) authorizing distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Class Members. The Parties and their Counsel shall not be liable for any act or omission of the Settlement Administrator.

11. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e), a Final Fairness Hearing shall be held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at \_\_\_\_\_.M. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, the Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr., presiding, to, among other related matters:

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: (i) constituted the best practicable notice under the circumstances and applicable legal standards; (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, 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) met applicable Constitutional standard and all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any other applicable law;

c. determine whether a final 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, and making the other findings and rulings provided therein, all in accordance with the Settlement Agreement;

d. determine the proper method of allocation and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund among Participating Class Members;

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

f. rule on such other matters as the Court may deem appropriate.

12. The Court reserves the right to adjourn, continue, and reconvene the Final Fairness Hearing, or any aspect thereof, including the consideration for the application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, without further notice to the Settlement Class. The Settlement Administrator will update the website maintained pursuant to paragraph 8(c) of this Order to reflect the current information about the date and time for the Final Fairness Hearing.

13. The Court reserves the right to continue the Final Fairness Hearing to a later date than the date provided for in the formal notices to the Settlement Class, and to approve the Settlement at or after the Final Fairness Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class.

14. Class Members wishing to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e)(4) must submit to the Settlement Administrator a valid and timely Request for Exclusion. Requests for Exclusion must include: (i) the Class Member's name, address, telephone number, and notarized signature; (ii) a statement that the Class Member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*; and (iii) a description of the Class Member's interest in any wells for which it has received payments from Defendant, including the name, well number, county in which the well is located, and the owner identification number. Requests for Exclusion must be served on the Settlement Administrator, Defendant's Counsel, and Plaintiff's Counsel by certified mail, return receipt



requested and received no later than 5 p.m. CDT on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019. Requests for Exclusion may be mailed as follows:

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*McClintock-Continuum* Settlement  
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Requests for Exclusion may not be submitted through the website or by telephone, facsimile, or e-mail. Any Class Member that has not timely and properly submitted a Request for Exclusion shall be included in the Settlement and shall be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the event it is finally approved by the Court.

15. Any Participating Class Member who wishes to object to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, any term of the Settlement, the Allocation Methodology, the Initial Plan of Allocation, the request for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses, or the request for a Case Contribution Award to Class Representative may file an objection. An objector must file with the Court and serve upon Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel a written objection containing the following: (a) a heading referring to *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, and to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma; (b) a statement as to whether the objector intends to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, either in person or through counsel, and, if through counsel, identifying counsel by name, address and telephone number; (c) a detailed

statement of the specific legal and factual basis for each and every objection; (d) a list of any witnesses the objector wishes to call at the Final Fairness Hearing, together with a brief summary of each witness's expected testimony (to the extent the objector desires to offer expert testimony and/or an expert report, any such evidence must fully comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, and the Local Rules of the Court); (e) a list of and copies of any exhibits the objector may seek to use at the Final Fairness Hearing; (f) a list of any legal authority the objector may present at the Final Fairness Hearing; (g) the objector's name, current address, current telephone number, and all owner identification numbers with Defendant; (h) the objector's signature executed before a Notary Public; (i) identification of the objector's interest in wells from which the objector has received payments by or on behalf of Defendant (by well name, payee well number, and county in which the well is located) during the Claim Period and identification of such payments by date of payment, date of production, and amount; and (j) if the objector is objecting to any portion of the Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or Litigation Expenses sought by Plaintiff's Counsel on the basis that the amounts requested are unreasonably high, the objector must specifically state the portion of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and/or Litigation Expenses he/she believes is fair and reasonable and the portion that is not. Such written objections must be filed with the Court and served on Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel, via certified mail return receipt requested, and received no later than 5 p.m. CDT on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at the addresses set forth in paragraph 14 above.

Any Class Member who fails to timely file and serve such written statement and provide the required information will not be permitted to present any objections at the Final Fairness Hearing and such failure will render any such attempted objection untimely and of no effect. All presentations of objections will be further limited by the information listed. Either or both Party's

counsel may file any reply or response to any objections no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019. The procedures set forth in this paragraph do not supplant, but are in addition to, any procedures required by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

16. Any objector who timely files and serves a valid written objection in accordance with the above paragraph may also appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, either in person or through qualified counsel retained at the objector's expense. Objectors or their attorneys intending to present any objection at the Final Fairness Hearing must comply with the Local Rules of this Court in addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph 15 above.

17. No later than 5:00 p.m. CDT on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, if the Settlement has not been terminated pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or Supplemental Agreement 1, Plaintiff's Counsel and Plaintiff shall move for: (a) final approval of the Settlement pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(e); (b) entry of a Judgment in substantially the same form as Exhibit 2 to the Settlement Agreement; (c) final approval of the Allocation Methodology and Initial Plan of Allocation; and (d) Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, and/or a Case Contribution Award.

18. If the Settlement is not approved by the Court, is terminated in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement or Supplemental Agreement 1, or a Judgment approving it is entered that does not become Final and Non-Appealable for any reason whatsoever, the Settlement, Settlement Agreement, and any actions to be taken in connection therewith (including this Order and any Judgment entered herein), shall be terminated and become void and of no further force and effect as described in the Settlement Agreement (including, but not limited to paragraph 9.4 of the Settlement Agreement). Any obligations or provisions relating to the refund of Plaintiff's Attorney's Fees, Litigation Expenses, and the Gross Settlement Amount; the payment of

Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs already incurred; and any other obligation or provision in the Settlement Agreement or Supplemental Agreements that expressly pertains to the termination of the Settlement or events to occur after the termination, shall survive termination of the Settlement Agreement and Settlement.

19. All proceedings in the Litigation, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of the Settlement, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of this Court. Pending final approval of the Settlement, Class Representative and all Class Members are barred, enjoined, and restrained from commencing, prosecuting, continuing, or asserting in any forum, either directly or indirectly, on their own behalf or on the behalf of any other person or class, any Released Claim against Released Parties.

20. Entering into or carrying out the Settlement Agreement, and any negotiations or proceedings related thereto, is 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 and shall not be offered or received in evidence in any action or proceeding by or against any Party in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever other than to enforce the provisions of the Settlement between Defendant and any Class Member(s), the provisions of the Settlement Agreement, or the provisions of any related agreement, order, judgment or release. This Order shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, breach, liability, or the propriety of maintaining this Litigation as a contested class action and Defendant specifically denies any such fault, wrongdoing, breach, liability, and allegation regarding certification for litigation (as opposed to settlement) purposes. This Order shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, or declaration by or against Class Representative or the Settlement Class that their claims lack merit

or that the relief requested in the Litigation is inappropriate, improper, or unavailable. This Order shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession, declaration, or waiver by any Party of any arguments, defenses, or claims he, she, or it may have with respect to the Litigation in the event the Settlement is terminated. Moreover, the Settlement and any proceedings taken pursuant to the Settlement are for settlement purposes only.

21. The Court, along with any appellate court with power to review the Court's orders and rulings in the Litigation, hereby retains jurisdiction over this Litigation to consider all further matters arising out of or connected with the Settlement reflected in the Settlement Agreement, including enforcement of the releases provided for in the Settlement Agreement. The Court, along with any appellate court with power to review the Court's orders and rulings in the Litigation, also hereby retains jurisdiction over this Litigation to administer all other matters related to the enforcement of the Settlement Agreement and Settlement and the orders of the Court related thereto.

22. The Court may, for good cause shown, extend any of the deadlines set forth in this Order without further written notice to the Settlement Class.

IT IS SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

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JOHN A. GIBNEY, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**Exhibit 2**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

PAULA PARKS MCCLINTOCK,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG
	)	
CONTINUUM PRODUCER	)	
SERVICES, L.L.C.,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**ORDER AND JUDGMENT GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL  
OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

This is a putative class action lawsuit brought by Class Representative, Paula Parks McClintock, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated (“Plaintiff”), against Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., formerly known as Unimark L.L.C. (“Defendant”), for the alleged failure to pay statutory interest on payments made outside the time periods set forth in the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 Okla. St. §570.1, *et seq.* (the “PRSA”) for oil and gas production proceeds from oil and gas wells in Oklahoma. On August \_\_, 2019, Plaintiff and Defendant executed a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the “Settlement Agreement”) and Supplemental Agreements, finalizing the terms of the Settlement.<sup>1</sup>

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, 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

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

Hearing (the “Preliminary Approval Order”). In the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court, *inter alia*:

a. certified the Settlement Class for settlement purposes, finding all requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 have been satisfied, for settlement purposes only, with respect to the proposed Settlement Class;

b. appointed Plaintiff, Paula Parks McClintock, as Class Representative and Plaintiff’s Counsel, Nix Patterson, LLP, Ryan Whaley Coldiron Jantzen Peters & Webber, PLLC, and Barnes & Lewis, LLP as Class Counsel; and Plaintiff’s Counsel Whitten Burrage and Lawrence R. Murphy, Jr., P.C. as liaison local counsel for the Settlement Class;

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’ 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 interest of the Settlement Class;

e. preliminarily approved the form and manner of the proposed Short Form Notice, Long Form Notice, and Summary Notice to be communicated to the Settlement Class, finding specifically that such Short Form Notice, Long Form Notice, and Summary Notice, among other information fairly and adequately: (a) described the terms and effect

of the Settlement among other information; (b) notified the Settlement Class of the time and place of the Final Fairness Hearing; (c) described the options for requesting exclusion from the Settlement or objecting to the Settlement or any part thereof; and (d) directed potential Class Members to where they may obtain more detailed information about the Settlement;

f. instructed the Settlement Administrator to disseminate the approved Short Form Notice by mail to potential members of the Settlement Class, to publish the Summary Notice, and to display the Long Form Notice and other documents related to the Settlement on an Internet website 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at \_\_\_\_\_M. in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of 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 Short Form Notice, Summary Notice, and Long Form Notice was given to the Settlement Class, notifying them of the Settlement and the upcoming Final Fairness Hearing. On \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order and the Notices, 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 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the state and federal Constitutions, and any other applicable law;

c. determine whether to approve the Allocation Methodology, the Initial Plan of Allocation, and distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Participating Class Members;<sup>2</sup>

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 Case Contribution Award to Class Representative are fair and reasonable and should be approved;<sup>3</sup> and

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

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<sup>2</sup> The Court will issue a separate order pertaining to the allocation and distribution of the Net Settlement Proceeds among Class Members (the "Plan of Allocation Order").

<sup>3</sup> The Court will issue separate orders pertaining to Plaintiff's Counsel's request for Attorneys' Fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses and Class Representative's request for a Case Contribution Award.

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 Order and 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 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:

All non-excluded persons or entities who received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant’s designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon.

The persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (2) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (3) persons or entities that Plaintiff’s Counsel may be prohibited from representing under rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, and their relatives and any related trusts; and (4) officers of the court.

The Court finds that the above-defined Settlement Class has been properly certified for the purposes of this Settlement. 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.

4. As used in this Judgment, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

a. **“Released Claims”** include all claims that the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties related to or arising from payments of proceeds from the sale of oil or gas to Class Members or any of their predecessors, successors, or assigns, during the Claim Period, by Defendant (or by any person or entity making payments on Defendant’s behalf) that were allegedly (i) late, untimely, or delayed; or (ii) did not include the proper amount of interest under the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 O.S. §570.1, *et seq.* (the “PRSA”), or any other applicable statute or regulation. As used in this paragraph, “claims” include without limitation any assertion, allegation, claim, demand, right, debt, request for payment, cause of action, liability, loss, damage (including without limitation incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages), deficiency, remedy, judgment, lien, penalty, cost, expense, attorney fee, interest, suit, or proceeding of every kind, at law or in equity, regardless of whether any of the foregoing are asserted or unasserted, now known or hereinafter discovered, matured or unmatured, or accrued, contingent, or potential, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in the commencement of a lawsuit, filing of a claim, or a legal proceeding of whatsoever kind, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in a final and appealable order, ruling, or judgment. The Released Claims include without limitation all claims asserted, made, alleged, or described in the Petition, as well as any claims for any alternative legal theories that relate to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) of oil and gas production proceeds. The Released Claims expressly do not include any claims other than those related to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) and do not include claims for underpayment of royalty that are not based on late, untimely, or delayed payments or the improper amount of interest thereon.

b. **“Released Parties”** means Defendant (including under its previous name Unimark L.L.C.); its parents and affiliates; each of their respective predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons’ and entities’ heirs, successors and assigns.

c. **“Releasing Parties”** means Plaintiff and the Class Members, and each of their respective parents, affiliates, predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons’ and entities’ heirs, successors and assigns.

d. **“Claim Period”** means the period of time prior to the entry of the Judgment in this Litigation.

5. At the Final Fairness Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, 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.

6. The Court further finds that due and proper notice, by means of the Short Form Notice, Long Form Notice, and Summary Notice, was given to the Settlement Class in conformity with the Settlement Agreement and Preliminary Approval Order. The form, content, and method of communicating the Short Notice mailed to the Settlement Class, the Long Form Notice published on the website, and the Summary Notice 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 Federal 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 Short Notice, Long Form Notice, and Summary Notice 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 Litigation and Settlement.

7. The Court hereby affirms its determinations in the Preliminary Approval Order certifying, for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Litigation as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including that: the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members in the class action is impracticable; there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class that predominate over any individual questions; the claims of the Class Representative are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; the Class Representative and Plaintiff's Counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of the Class Members; and, after considering the interests of the Class Members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate actions, the extent and nature of litigation already commenced by members of the Settlement Class, the desirability or undesirability of continuing the litigation of these claims in this forum, and the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of a class action – a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy. Pursuant to and in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, 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 experienced counsel and parties alert to defend their interests. 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. The Parties and the Settlement Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to comply with and to cause the consummation of the Settlement in accordance with the Settlement Agreement, and the Clerk of this Court is directed to enter and docket this Judgment in the Litigation.

8. 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 (as opposed to a settlement class), and specifically denies any and all wrongdoing and liability to the Settlement Class, Class Representative, and Plaintiff's Counsel.

9. The Court finds that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, Defendant caused notice of the Settlement to be served on the appropriate state official for each state in which a Class Member resides, and the appropriate federal official, as required by and in conformance with the form and content requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1715. In connection therewith, the Court has determined that, under 28 U.S.C. § 1715, the appropriate state official for each state in which a Class Member resides was and is the State Attorney General for each such state, and the appropriate federal official was and is the Attorney General of the United States. Further, the Court finds it was not feasible for Defendant to include on each such notice the names of each of the Class Members who reside in each state and the estimated proportionate share of each such Class Members to the entire Settlement as provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)(7)(A); therefore, each notice included a reasonable estimate of the number of Class Members residing in each state and the estimated proportionate share of the claims of such Class Members to the Settlement. No appropriate state or federal

official has entered an appearance or filed an objection to the entry of final approval of the Settlement. Thus, the Court finds that all requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1715 have been met and complied with and, as a consequence, no Class Member may refuse to comply with or choose not to be bound by the Settlement and this Court's Orders in furtherance thereof, including this Judgment, under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1715.

10. The Litigation and the Petition and all claims included therein, as well as all Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as to the Released Parties. The Court orders that, upon the Effective Date, the Settlement Agreement shall be the exclusive remedy for any and all Released Claims of Participating Class Members. The Court finds that Defendant has agreed not to file a claim against Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel based upon an assertion that the Litigation was brought by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Counsel in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. Similarly, the Court finds that Plaintiff has agreed not to file a claim against Defendant or Defendant's Counsel based upon an assertion that the Litigation was defended by Defendant or Defendant's Counsel in bad faith or without a reasonable basis. The Releasing Parties are hereby deemed to have finally, fully, and forever conclusively released, relinquished, and discharged all of the Released Claims against the Released Parties to the fullest extent permitted by law. The Court thus hereby permanently bars and enjoins the Releasing Parties, and each of them (regardless of whether or not any such person or party shares in the Net Settlement Fund), and all persons acting on their behalf from, directly or indirectly, or through others, suing, instigating, instituting, or asserting against the Released Parties any claims or actions on or concerning the Released Claims. The Released Parties are discharged and/or released from all claims for contribution that have been or may be brought by or on behalf of any persons relating to the Settlement of the Released Claims. The releases and prohibitions of this paragraph apply equally to any claim that relates to the subject

matter of the Released Claims except as expressly excluded therefrom. The Court's approval of the Settlement and entry of judgment herein shall have the effect of barring each of the Releasing Parties from asserting any claim from which that party would be barred by a judgment resolving the certified claims herein had such claims been brought by such party individually. Neither Party will bear the other's Party's litigation costs, costs of court, or attorney's fees. The Court orders that Defendant shall be allowed to a refund of the Residual Unclaimed Funds pursuant to the procedures and at the time specified in the Settlement Agreement.

11. The Court also approves the efforts and activities of the Settlement Administrator, JND Legal Administration, in assisting with certain aspects of the administration of the Settlement, and directs them 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. If it has not already occurred, the Settlement Administrator is directed to refund to Defendant the amount attributable to Opt-Outs in accordance with paragraph 6.6 of the Settlement Agreement, if applicable.

14. This Judgment, the Settlement, the Supplemental Agreements, and the Settlement Agreement—including any provisions contained in or exhibits attached to the Settlement Agreement; any negotiations, statements, or proceedings in connection therewith; or any action undertaken pursuant thereto—shall not be used for any purpose or admissible in any action or proceeding for any reason, other than an action to enforce the terms of this Judgment, the Supplemental Agreements, or the Settlement (including, but not limited to defending or bringing

an action based on the release provided for herein). The Judgment, the Settlement, the Supplemental Agreements, and the Settlement Agreement are not and shall not be deemed, described, or construed to be or offered or received as evidence of a presumption, concession, declaration, or admission by any person or entity of the truth of any allegation made in the Litigation; the validity or invalidity of any claim or defense that was, could have been, or might be asserted in the Litigation; the amount of damages, if any, that would have been recoverable in the Litigation; any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any person or entity in the Litigation; or whether any other lawsuit should be certified as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 or any applicable state rule of procedure.

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 Participating Class Members 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 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as to all proceedings and filings in this Litigation. The Court further finds that Class Representative and Plaintiff's Counsel adequately represented the Settlement Class in entering into and implementing the Settlement.

17. Neither Defendant nor Defendant's Counsel has any liability or responsibility to Plaintiff, Plaintiff's Counsel, or the Settlement Class with respect to the Gross Settlement Fund or its administration, including but not limiting to any distributions made by the Settlement Administrator. Except as described in paragraph 6.20 of the Settlement Agreement, no Class Member shall have any claim against Plaintiff's Counsel, 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 Settlement Account and the taxation of funds in the Settlement Account or distributed from the Settlement Account shall be handled in accordance with Section 5 of 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, 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 (to the extent the Settlement Agreement and documents referenced therein address such an order).

21. Plaintiff's Counsel, Plaintiff, and the Settlement Class will only be liable for loss of any portion of the Settlement Account as described in paragraph 6.20 of the Settlement Agreement. Defendant shall have no liability for any such loss.

22. 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 over the Litigation, Class Representative, the Settlement Class, Defendant, and the other Released Parties for the purposes of: (a) supervising and/or determining the fairness and reasonableness of the implementation, enforcement, construction, and

interpretation of the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, any Plan of Allocation Order entered by the Court, and this Judgment; (b) hearing and determining any application by Class Counsel for an award of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, and Litigation Expenses and/or a Case Contribution Award for Class Representative, if such determinations were not made at the Final Fairness Hearing; (c) supervising the distribution of funds from the Settlement Account; (d) resolving any dispute regarding a Party's right to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the Settlement Agreement or Supplemental Agreement 1; (e) enforcing the terms of the Settlement, including the entry of injunctive or other relief to enforce, implement, administer, construe and interpret the Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements; and (f) exercising jurisdiction over any challenge to the Settlement on any basis whatsoever.

23. 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 to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Settlement Agreement. The provisions of the Settlement Agreement and Supplemental Agreements relating to termination of the Settlement Agreement shall be complied with, including the refund of amounts in the Settlement Account to Defendant and the refund by Plaintiff's Counsel into the Settlement Account of any amounts previously paid to them from the Settlement Account.

24. The claims asserted by Class Representative in this Litigation and all Released Claims of the Participating Class Members are hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE to the refile of the same or any portion thereof by or against the Released Parties. The Court retains jurisdiction pursuant to paragraph 22 above to administer the Settlement distribution process as

contemplated in the Court's separate Plan of Allocation Order(s), to administer other aspects of the Settlement as described in the Settlement Agreement, and to issue additional orders pertaining to, *inter alia*, Class Counsel's request for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and reimbursement of reasonable Litigation Expenses and Class Representative's request for a Case Contribution Award. Notwithstanding the Court's jurisdiction to issue additional orders in this Litigation, this Judgment fully disposes of all claims as to Defendant and is therefore a final appealable judgment. Regardless, there is no just reason to delay the finality of the Judgment. The Court further hereby expressly directs the Clerk of the Court to file this Judgment as a final order and final judgment in this Litigation.

25. [IF OBJECTION(S) ARE MADE – ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON OBJECTION(S)]

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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JOHN A. GIBNEY, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Exhibit 3

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*A federal court authorized this notice. This is **not** a solicitation from a lawyer.*

**If You Have Received a Payment from Continuum Producer Services or Unimark for Production from Oil and Gas Well in Oklahoma, You Could Be a Part of a Proposed Class Action Settlement.**

Name No: <ID>

#### Who Is Included?

You are a member of the Settlement Class if you received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant's designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon. The Class has been preliminarily approved for settlement only. There are exclusions.

Name  
Address  
City, State Zip  
Country

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Para una notificación en Español, No man o visitar nuestro sitio web.

There is a proposed Settlement in a putative class action lawsuit filed against Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., f/k/a Unimark L.L.C. (“Defendant”) called *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. The Lawsuit claims Defendant failed to pay statutory interest on payments made outside the time periods of the Production Revenue Standards Act (“PRSA”) for oil and gas production proceeds from wells in Oklahoma. Plaintiff has asserted claims for breach of the PRSA, fraud, accounting/disgorgement, and injunctive relief, and seeks actual and punitive damages. Defendant denies all liability.

**Why am I receiving this notice?**

Defendant’s records indicate you may be a member of the Settlement Class.

**What does the settlement provide?**

The proposed Settlement provides monetary benefits of \$900,000 that will be distributed according to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the documents referenced in and exhibits to the Settlement Agreement, and orders from the Court. Plaintiff’s Counsel will seek attorneys’ fees up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ and reimbursement of expenses incurred in prosecuting the case, which will not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid from the Settlement. Plaintiff will seek a contribution award of \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the Settlement.

**What are my legal rights?**

You do not have to do anything to stay in the Settlement Class and receive the benefits of the proposed Settlement. If you stay in the Settlement Class, you may also object to the proposed Settlement by following the instructions from the Court (available on the website) by \_\_\_\_\_, 2019. If you stay in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, Defendant or others identified in the Settlement Agreement from claims described therein. You may appear through an attorney if you so desire.

**What are my other options?**

If you do not wish to participate in or be legally bound by the proposed Settlement, you may exclude yourself by opting out no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, following instructions from the Court (available on the website). If you opt out, you will not receive any benefits from the Settlement and will not be bound by it or the judgment in this case.

**When will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?**

A Final Fairness Hearing has been scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at \_\_\_\_\_.m. CDT at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 101 N. 5th St., Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401. You are not required to attend the hearing, but you or your lawyer may do so if you wish.

**THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY. TO GET A COPY OF THE ENTIRE NOTICE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL TOLL-FREE 1-866-237-3432 OR VISIT WWW.\_\_\_\_\_.COM.**

#### Exhibit 4

### **If You Are or Were Paid by Continuum Producer Services or Unimark Proceeds from an Oklahoma Oil and Gas Well, You Could Be Part of a Proposed Class Action Settlement**

The Settlement Class Includes:

All non-excluded persons or entities who received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant's designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon.

The persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (2) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (3) persons or entities that Plaintiff's Counsel may be prohibited from representing under rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, and their relatives and any related trusts; and (4) officers of the court.

The lawsuit *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG (E.D. Okla.) claims Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., formerly known as Unimark L.L.C. ("Defendant") failed to pay statutory interest on payments made outside the time periods set forth in the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 Okla. St. §570.1, *et seq.* (the "PRSA") for oil and gas production proceeds from oil and gas wells in Oklahoma. Defendant denies all liability but has agreed to the proposed Settlement to avoid the uncertainty, burden, and expense of continued litigation. The Court did not decide which side is right.

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, the Court preliminarily approved a Settlement in which Defendant has agreed to pay \$900,000 in cash (the "Gross Settlement Fund"). From the Gross Settlement Fund, the Court may deduct reasonable Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Expenses, a Case Contribution Award, settlement Administration, Notice, and Distribution Costs, certain money attributable to Class Members who are excluded from the Settlement Class, and other costs approved by the Court. The remainder of the fund (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be distributed to eligible Class Members based on a variety of factors, including: the amount of statutory interest allegedly owed on the original underlying payment that allegedly occurred outside the time periods required by the PRSA. Complete information on the benefits of the Settlement, including information on the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, can be found in the Settlement Agreement posted on the website listed below. In exchange, Class Members will release Defendant and others identified in the Settlement Agreement from the claims described in the Settlement Agreement.

The law firms who represent the Class as Class Counsel are: (a) Nix Patterson, LLP; (b) Whitten Burrage; (c) Ryan Whaley Coldiron Jantzen Peters & Webber, PLLC; (d) Lawrence R. Murphy,

Jr., P.C.; and (e) Barnes & Lewis, LLP. You may hire your own attorney, if you wish. However, you will be responsible for that attorney's fees and expenses.

<b>What Are My Legal Rights?</b>
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- **Do Nothing, Stay in the Class, and Be Bound By the Settlement:** If the Court approves the proposed Settlement, you or your successors, if eligible, will receive the benefits of the proposed Settlement. You will also be bound by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, Defendant or others identified in the Settlement Agreement from claims described in that Agreement.
  
- **Stay in the Settlement Class, But Object to All or Part of the Settlement:** You can file and serve a written objection to the Settlement and appear before the Court. Your written objection must contain the information described in the Notice of Proposed Settlement, Motion for Attorneys' Fees, and Fairness Hearing (the "Long Notice") found at the website listed below and **must be received by counsel for the Parties and filed with the Court no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at 5 p.m. CDT.**
  
- **Exclude Yourself from the Settlement Class:** To exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must serve a written statement on counsel for the Parties and the Settlement Administrator. Your Request for Exclusion must contain the information described in the Long Notice found at the website listed below and **must be received no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at 5 p.m. CDT.** You cannot exclude yourself on the website, by telephone, or by e-mail.

The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at \_\_\_\_\_.m. CDT at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 101 N. 5th St., Muskogee, Oklahoma. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will also consider the application for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Expenses, and Case Contribution Award. If comments or objections have been submitted in the manner required, the Court will consider them, as well. Please note that the date of the Final Fairness Hearing is subject to change without further notice. If you plan to attend the hearing, you should check with the Court and [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com) to confirm no change to the date and time of the hearing has been made.

**This notice provides only a summary. For more detailed information regarding the rights and obligations of Class Members, read the Long Notice, Settlement Agreement, and other documents posted on the website or contact the Settlement Administrator.**

**Visit:** [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com)

**Call Toll-Free:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or write to:** *McClintock-Continuum Settlement*  
c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator

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**Exhibit 5**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

(1) PAULA PARKS MCCLINTOCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG

(2) CONTINUUM PRODUCER  
SERVICES, L.L.C.,

Defendant.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND FAIRNESS  
HEARING**

*A court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

***If you belong to the Settlement Class and this Settlement is approved, your legal rights will be affected whether you act or not.*** Read this Notice carefully to see what your rights and options are in connection with this Settlement.<sup>1</sup>

- On \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, the Court preliminarily approved a Settlement in the above-captioned litigation (the "Litigation") between Plaintiff, Paula Parks McClintock ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of herself and the Settlement Class, and Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C., formerly known as Unimark L.L.C. ("Defendant"). The Litigation and the defenses of Defendant are described in Answer to Question No. 2 below. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this notice shall have the meanings attributed to those terms in the Settlement Agreement referred to below.
- Defendant has agreed to pay \$900,000.00 in cash ("Gross Settlement Fund") in settlement of all claims alleged in the Litigation. In exchange, the Settlement Class shall release any Released Claims (as defined below in the Answer to Question No. 2) the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties (as defined below in the Answer to Question No. 2). The Gross Settlement Fund, less Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees, Litigation Expenses, any Case Contribution Award awarded by the Court, other costs approved by the Court, Administration, Notice, and Distribution costs, and potentially some amount of money attributable to Class Members who are

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<sup>1</sup> This Notice summarizes and is qualified in its entirety by the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement ("Settlement Agreement") and the documents referenced therein, which set forth the terms of the Settlement. Please refer to the Settlement Agreement for a complete description of the terms and provisions thereof. A copy of the Settlement Agreement is available at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com).

excluded from the Settlement Class (the “Net Settlement Fund”), will be distributed to Class Members who qualify for a distribution.

- The Settlement Class definition and exceptions are listed below in Question No. 5: “**How do I know whether I am part of the Settlement Class?**” and Question No. 6: “**Are there other exceptions to being included?**”
- Counsel for Plaintiff (“Plaintiff’s Counsel”) intends to seek an award of attorneys’ fees up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund. Plaintiff’s Counsel have been litigating this case for over two years without any payment whatsoever, advancing hundreds of thousands of dollars in labor and expense. Plaintiff’s Counsel will also request reimbursement of the expenses they have incurred in connection with the prosecution of this Litigation, and will incur through final distribution, which will not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ and will be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund. In addition, Plaintiff intends to seek a Case Contribution Award of up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund for her representation of the Class.
- In reaching the Settlement, Plaintiff and Defendant have avoided the uncertainty, cost and time of a contested class certification proceeding and trial. Plaintiff has agreed to the Settlement to avoid the risk that the Settlement Class could not be certified in a contested class action and that some or all of the claims of the Settlement Class against Defendant could be dismissed.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS	
<b>You Do Not Need To Take Further Action To Participate In The Settlement</b>	If the Settlement is approved, you do not need to take any further action to participate in the Settlement and receive a payment. The portion of the Net Settlement Fund to which you are entitled will be calculated as part of the administration of the Settlement.
<b>Exclude Yourself (by _____, 2019 at 5 p.m. CDT)</b>	If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you <i>must</i> exclude yourself (as described below in Answer to Question No. 13 and in the Settlement Agreement) and you <b>will not</b> receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You cannot bring or be part of another lawsuit or arbitration against any of the Released Parties based on any Released Claims unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.
<b>Object (by _____, 2019 at 5 p.m. CDT)</b>	If you do not exclude yourself and you wish to object to any part of the Settlement, the attorneys’ fees or litigation costs requested by Plaintiff’s Counsel, or the Case Contribution Award requested by Plaintiff, you may (as discussed below in Answer to Question No. 18 and in the Settlement Agreement) write to the Court about your objections.
<b>Attend the Final Fairness Hearing (to be held on _____, 2019)</b>	If you have submitted a valid and timely written objection to any aspect of the Settlement, the attorneys’ fees or litigation expenses requested by Plaintiff’s Counsel, or the Case Contribution Award requested by Plaintiff, you may (but do not have to) attend the Final Fairness Hearing and present your objections to the Court at that hearing (as described below in Answer to Question No. 22 and in the Settlement Agreement).

<b>Do Nothing</b>	If you are a Class Member and do nothing, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the documents referenced therein, will be bound by the release of and agreement not to sue the Released Parties, will receive your portion of the Net Settlement Fund (if any), and will not be able to bring or pursue any Released Claims in any other lawsuit or arbitration. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Settlement and all other documents regarding the Settlement that can be found at <a href="http://www._____.com">www._____.com</a> .
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- **These rights and options—and the deadlines to exercise them—are explained in this Notice and in the Settlement Agreement. Please note that the date of the Final Fairness Hearing—currently scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, 2019—is subject to change without further notice. If you plan to attend the Final Fairness Hearing, you should check the Court’s docket or [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com) to be sure no change to the date and time of the hearing has been made.**
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. Payments will be made to Class Members only if the Court approves the Settlement and that approval is upheld in any appeals that may be filed.

## WHAT THIS NOTICE CONTAINS

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## **BASIC INFORMATION**

### **1. Why did I get a postcard notice or this Notice package?**

You are being sent a postcard notice or this Notice because you may be a member of the Settlement Class in the Litigation as described herein. Payment history records reflect that you have received payments from Defendant (or someone paying proceeds on Defendant's behalf) for oil and gas production proceeds from oil and gas wells in Oklahoma during the Claim Period (as defined in the Settlement Agreement and in the answer to Question No. 2). This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion with respect to the merits of the allegations in the Petition filed in the Litigation. This Notice explains the claims being asserted in the Litigation, explains the Settlement, explains your right to remain a member of the Settlement Class (see Answer to Question No. 12), explains your right to opt out of the Settlement Class and be excluded from the Settlement (see Answer to Question No. 13), and explains your right to object to the Settlement (see Answer to Question No. 18).

The Court caused the postcard notice to be sent to you because, if you fall within this group and are not otherwise excluded from the Settlement Class, your rights will be affected and you have a right to know about the proposed Settlement, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves it, after any objections and appeals are resolved, the Court-appointed Settlement Administrator will cause payments to be made to Class Members in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

This Notice package describes the Litigation, the Settlement, your legal rights, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of this Litigation is the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. The person prosecuting this Litigation on behalf of the Class is called the "Plaintiff" and the company it is suing is called the "Defendant." This case, also called the "Litigation," is known as *Paula Parks McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG.

### **2. What is the Litigation about?**

The Litigation seeks damages for Defendant's alleged failure to pay statutory interest on payments made by Defendant (or on behalf of Defendant) outside the time periods set forth in the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 Okla. St. §570.1, *et seq.* (the "PRSA") for oil and gas production proceeds from oil and gas wells in Oklahoma. Specifically, in her Petition, Plaintiff alleges Defendant: (1) failed to pay statutory interest on payments made outside the time periods set forth in the PRSA; (2) awaited a demand prior to paying statutory interest under the PRSA; (3)

misrepresented and/or omitted the amount of statutory interest owed; and (4) is liable to Class Members for breach of the PRSA, fraud, disgorgement, accounting, punitive damages, and injunctive relief.

Defendant denies any and all liability related to Plaintiff's allegations and further states that neither Plaintiff nor any of the Class Members are entitled to the relief sought in the Litigation and further states that it would not be appropriate to award any type of damages, an accounting, disgorgement, or injunctive relief to the Class Members. Defendant further denies it would be appropriate to certify a contested class based on the facts and claims at issue in the Litigation.

The Court has made no determination with respect to any of the parties' claims or defenses.

A more complete description of the Litigation, its status, and the rulings made in the Litigation are available in the pleadings and other papers maintained by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, located at 101 North 5th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, in the file for Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG. Some of the relevant pleadings are additionally located on the website found at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com). Should you have questions regarding the status, rulings or issues in the Litigation, such questions can be submitted as set forth below.

## **Release**

If the Court enters a final order approving the Settlement, all Class Members, on behalf of the "Releasing Parties," will release any "Released Claims" they have against the "Released Parties." This means that if you remain a member of the Settlement Class, any and all claims related to underpaid and unpaid interest for payments made during the Claim Period will be released and discharged.

**"Claim Period"** means the period of time prior to the entry of the Judgment in this Litigation.

**"Released Claims"** include all claims that the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties related to or arising from payments of proceeds from the sale of oil or gas to Class Members or any of their predecessors, successors, or assigns, during the Claim Period, by Defendant (or by any person or entity making payments on Defendant's behalf) that were allegedly (i) late, untimely, or delayed; or (ii) did not include the proper amount of interest under the Production Revenue Standards Act, 52 O.S. §570.1, *et seq.* (the "PRSA"), or any other applicable statute or regulation. As used in this paragraph, "claims" include without limitation any assertion, allegation, claim, demand, right, debt, request for payment, cause of action, liability, loss, damage (including without limitation incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages), deficiency, remedy, judgment, lien, penalty, cost, expense, attorney fee, interest, suit, or proceeding of every kind, at law or in equity, regardless of whether any of the foregoing are asserted or unasserted, now known or hereinafter discovered, matured or unmatured, or accrued, contingent, or potential, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in the commencement of a lawsuit, filing of a claim, or a legal proceeding of whatsoever kind, and regardless of whether any of the foregoing have resulted now or could result in the future in a final and appealable order, ruling, or judgment. The Released Claims include without limitation all claims asserted, made, alleged, or described in the Petition, as well as any claims for any alternative legal theories that relate to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) of oil and gas production proceeds. The Released Claims expressly do not include any claims other than those related to such late, untimely, or delayed payments or interest by Defendant (or on its behalf) and do

not include claims for underpayment of royalty that are not based on late, untimely, or delayed payments or the improper amount of interest thereon.

**“Released Parties”** means Defendant (including under its previous name Unimark L.L.C.); its parents and affiliates; each of their respective predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons’ and entities’ heirs, successors and assigns.

**“Releasing Parties”** means Plaintiff and the Class Members, and each of their respective parents, affiliates, predecessors, members, managers, owners, employees, officers, directors, stockholders, partners, agents, consultants, servants, attorneys, insurers, subsidiaries, assignors, and other representatives, and all of the foregoing persons’ and entities’ heirs, successors and assigns.

### **3. Why is this case a class action?**

In a class action, one or more plaintiffs sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. All of the individuals and entities on whose behalf the plaintiffs are suing are class members. One court resolves the issues for all class members, except for those who choose to exclude themselves from the class. Here, United States District Judge John A. Gibney, Jr., is presiding over the Litigation.

### **4. Why is there a Settlement?**

The Court has not reached a final judgment as to whether the Settlement Class could be certified as a contested class action or that Plaintiff has proved or can prove her claims against the Defendant. It would likely take several more years before a contested class certification proceeding and trial on the merits could be held, final judgment entered, and appeals exhausted. Instead, Plaintiff and Defendant have agreed to the Settlement in order to resolve the Litigation. In reaching the Settlement, both sides have avoided the risk, cost and time of a trial, and Plaintiff has avoided any further delay in resolving the Litigation. In addition, as with any litigated case, Plaintiff would face an uncertain outcome if this Litigation went to trial. On the one hand, a trial could result in a verdict greater than the Settlement. However, Defendant has asserted many defenses, and a trial could result in a judgment in favor of Defendant on class certification and liability or a verdict lower than the Settlement Amount that Plaintiff has obtained, or even no recovery at all for Plaintiff and the Class Members. Based on these factors and others, Plaintiff and Plaintiff’s Counsel believe the Settlement is best for all Class Members.

### **5. How do I know whether I am part of the Settlement Class?**

The Settlement Class consists of the following individuals and entities, subject to the exceptions listed in the answer to Question No. 6 below:

All non-excluded persons or entities who received payments for proceeds for the sale of oil or gas production from Defendant (or Defendant’s designee) for wells in the State of Oklahoma more than two (2) months after the end of the month within which the production was sold and whose payments did not include the full amount of the interest owed thereon.

**6. Are there other exceptions to being included?**

The persons or entities excluded from the Settlement Class are: (1) agencies, departments, or instrumentalities of the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma; (2) publicly traded oil and gas companies and their affiliates; (3) persons or entities that Plaintiff's Counsel may be prohibited from representing under rule 1.7 of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct, including but not limited to Charles David Nutley, Danny George, Dan McClure, Kelly McClure Callant, and their relatives and any related trusts; and (4) officers of the court.

Also, you are not a Class Member if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by submitting a valid and timely request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice and in the Settlement Agreement. The procedure for requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class is described below in the Answer to Question No. 13.

**7. I am still not sure whether I am included.**

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for help, which will be provided to you at no cost. You can call the Settlement Administrator at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER], or write to the following address:

*McClintock-Continuum Settlement*  
c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator

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**THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS – WHAT YOU RECEIVE****8. What does the Settlement provide?**

In consideration of the Settlement, Defendant has agreed to pay \$900,000.00 in cash. See the Settlement Agreement for full details.

The Settlement, if approved, will result in the dismissal of the Petition against Defendant and the release by all Class Members of all the Released Claims the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties, as defined above in Answer to Question No. 2. The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to the Class Members who are not excluded from the Settlement Class in accordance with the provisions of the Allocation Methodology and Final Plan of Allocation, which is explained below in the Answer to Question No. 9.

**9. How much will the cash portion of my payment be?**

The Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated to Class Members on the following basis:

Plaintiff's Counsel shall, subject to Court approval, allocate the Net Settlement Fund to individual Participating Class Members proportionately based on the amount of statutory interest allegedly owed on the original underlying payment that allegedly occurred outside the time periods required by the PRSA, with due regard for the production date, the date the underlying payment was made, the amount of the underlying payment, the time periods set forth in the PRSA, any additional statutory interest that Plaintiff's Counsel believes has since accrued, and the amount of interest or returns that have accrued on the Participating Class Member's proportionate share of the Net Settlement Fund during the time such share was held in the Settlement Account. No distributions will

be made to Class Members who would otherwise receive a distribution of less than \$10.00 under the Initial Plan of Allocation. This allocation is subject to modification by Plaintiff's Counsel and final approval by the Court.

**If you have questions about the tax consequences of participating in the Settlement, you should consult with your own tax advisor.**

#### **10. How can I get a payment?**

If you do **not** exclude yourself pursuant to the procedure set forth in Answer to Question No. 13 below, **YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER** to receive your portion of the Net Settlement Fund (if any).

#### **11. When would I get my payment?**

Payment to Class Members is contingent on several matters, including the Court's approval of the Settlement and that approval becoming final and no longer subject to any appeal to any court, as set forth more specifically in paragraph 1.12 of the Settlement Agreement.

The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed by the Settlement Administrator as soon as reasonably possible after final approval has been obtained for the Settlement and any appeals are exhausted. The Settlement Agreement specifies deadlines for distributing the Net Settlement Fund. Any appeal of final approval could take well in excess of one year. It is not anticipated that any meaningful interest will accrue on the Net Settlement Fund. The Settlement may be terminated on several grounds, including if the Court does not approve or materially modifies the terms of the Settlement. If the Settlement is terminated, the Litigation will proceed as if the Settlement had not been reached.

You may receive information about the progress of the Settlement by visiting the website at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com), or by calling \_\_\_\_\_ or writing to: *McClintock-Continuum Settlement*, c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **12. What is the effect of my remaining in the Settlement Class?**

Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, if the Settlement is approved, you will be a Participating Class Member. As a Participating Class Member, you will receive any portion of the Net Settlement Fund allocated to you and will be bound by all orders and judgments entered by the Court regarding the Settlement. If the Settlement is approved, you will not be able to sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Released Parties concerning any of the Released Claims.

#### **13. How do I get out of the Settlement and not release my claims?**

To get out of the Settlement, you must exclude yourself from the Settlement Class. To exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must send by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Defendant's Counsel, Plaintiff's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator a written statement that you want to be excluded from the Settlement Class in *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.* In addition to the other information specified in the rest of this answer, your statement must

include your name, address, telephone number, and notarized signature, and must be received no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at 5 p.m. CDT. Your written statement must be sent to:

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**Settlement Administrator**

*McClintock-Continuum Settlement*  
c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator

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**Defendant's Counsel:**

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**To be effective, your written request for exclusion must be SERVED and RECEIVED at the above addresses no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at 5 p.m. CDT.** You cannot exclude yourself on the website, by telephone, facsimile or by e-mail. The letter must be signed by you under oath and acknowledged by a Notary Public. In the letter, you must identify your interest in any wells for



which you have received payments from Defendant or anyone making payments on Defendant's behalf, including the name, well number, county in which the well is located, and the owner identification number. Any such letter also should state generally:

Dear Judge, I want to exclude myself from the Settlement Class in *Paula Parks McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma. I understand it will be my responsibility to pursue any claims I may have, if I so desire, on my own and at my expense.

**If you do not follow these procedures—including meeting the date for exclusion set out above—you will not be excluded from the Settlement Class, and you will be bound by all of the orders and judgments entered by the Court regarding the Settlement, including the release of claims.** You must exclude yourself even if you already have a pending case against any of the Released Parties based upon any Released Claims.

If you validly request exclusion as described above, you cannot object to the Settlement, and you will not have released any claim against the Released Parties. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in the Litigation. You will also not participate in any distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Do not request exclusion if you wish to participate in the Settlement.

**14. If I don't exclude myself from the Class, can I sue the Released Parties for the same thing later?**

No. Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class in connection with the Litigation, you (and any other Releasing Parties) give up any right to sue any or all of the Released Parties for any Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit or arbitration against Defendant or any of its officers and/or directors or any other Released Parties, speak to the lawyer representing you in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from this Settlement Class to continue your own lawsuit or arbitration against any of the Released Parties.

**15. If I exclude myself, can I get money from this Settlement in connection with the Litigation?**

No. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may be able to sue, continue to sue, or be part of a different lawsuit or arbitration against the Released Parties, but you will not receive any money from the Settlement discussed in this Notice.

**THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU**

**16. Do I have a lawyer in the case?**

The law firms of (a) Nix Patterson, LLP; (b) Ryan Whaley Coldiron Jantzen Peters & Webber, PLLC; (c) Barnes & Lewis, LLP; (d) Whitten Burrage; and (e) Lawrence R. Murphy, Jr., P.C., represent the Plaintiff and all other Class Members in this Litigation. These lawyers are called Plaintiff's Counsel. You will not be charged directly by these lawyers. If the Court authorizes it, these lawyers will be paid in accordance with the Answer to Question No. 17 below. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

**17. How will the lawyers be paid?**

Plaintiff's Counsel intends to seek an award of attorneys' fees up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid out of the Gross Settlement Fund. Plaintiff's Counsel has been litigating this case for over two years without any payment whatsoever. At the Final Fairness Hearing, Plaintiff's Counsel will also seek reimbursement from the Gross Settlement Fund of the expenses incurred in connection with the prosecution of this Litigation, and which will be incurred through final distribution of the Settlement, which amount will not exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_. Plaintiff intends to seek a Case Contribution Award relating to her representation of the Settlement Class, taking into account Plaintiff's time, effort, risk and burden, up to \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT, PLAN OF ALLOCATION, ATTORNEYS' FEES AND EXPENSES, AND PLAINTIFF'S CASE CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

**18. How do I tell the Court that I do not like any aspect of the Settlement?**

If you are a Class Member and you do not exclude yourself, you can object to the Settlement if you do not like any part of it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve the Settlement, Allocation Methodology, Initial Plan of Allocation, request for Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, or Case Contribution Award to Plaintiff. To object, you must send a written statement to the Court, Plaintiff's Counsel, and Defendant's Counsel saying that you object to the proposed Settlement. You must include in your written statement:

- (a) a heading referring to *McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma;
- (b) a statement as to whether you intend to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing, either in person or through counsel, and, if through counsel, counsel must be identified by name, address and telephone number (this statement must also comply with the requirement stated in Answer to Question No. 22 below);
- (c) a detailed statement of the specific legal and factual basis for each and every objection;
- (d) a list of any witnesses you wish to call at the Final Fairness Hearing, together with a brief summary of each witness's expected testimony (to the extent you desire to offer expert testimony and/or an expert report, any such evidence must fully comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, and the Local Rules of the Court);
- (e) a list of and copies of any exhibits you may seek to use at the Final Fairness Hearing;
- (f) a list of any legal authority you may present at the Final Fairness Hearing;
- (g) your name, current address, current telephone number, and all owner identification numbers with Defendant;
- (h) your signature executed before a Notary Public;
- (i) identification of your interest in wells from which you have received payments made by or on behalf of Defendant (by well name, payee well number, and county in which the well is located) during the Claim Period and identification of such payments by date of payment, date of production, and amount; and
- (j) if you are objecting to any portion of the Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees or Litigation Expenses sought by Plaintiff's Counsel on the basis that the amounts requested are unreasonably high, you must specifically state the portion of Plaintiff's Attorneys' Fees and/or Litigation Expenses you believe is fair and reasonable and the portion that is not.

**Your written objection must be filed with the Court and served on Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendant's Counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested, and received at the addresses below no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019:**



**By the above date, your written objection must be ON FILE with the Court:**

Clerk of the Court  
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma  
101 North 5th Street  
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401

**And, by the same date, copies of your written objection must be served and received by counsel at the addresses below:**

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**UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT, ANY SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER WHO DOES NOT OBJECT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED HEREIN WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE**

**WAIVED ANY OBJECTION AND SHALL BE FOREVER FORECLOSED FROM MAKING ANY OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND THE APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES AND CASE CONTRIBUTION AWARD AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PRESENT ANY OBJECTIONS AT THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING.**

**19. What's the difference between objecting and excluding myself?**

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you are a Participating Class Member. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you have no basis to object, because the Settlement no longer affects you. If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will remain a member of the Settlement Class and will be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement (including the release contained therein) and all orders and judgments entered by the Court regarding the Settlement regardless of whether the Court accepts or denies your objection.

**20. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?**

The Court will hold a Final Fairness Hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at \_\_\_\_m. CDT, at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 101 North 5th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401. **Please note that the date of the Final Fairness Hearing is subject to change without further notice. If you plan to attend the hearing, you should check with the Court and [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com) to be sure no change to the date and time of the hearing has been made.** At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them at that time. After the Final Fairness Hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement, the Allocation Methodology, and the Plan of Allocation. The Court will also rule on the request for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses by Plaintiff's Counsel and the request for Case Contribution Award for Plaintiff relating to her representation of the Settlement Class. We do not know how long it will take the Court to make these decisions.

**21. Do I have to come to the hearing?**

No. Plaintiff's Counsel will answer any questions the Court might have for the Settlement Class. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you timely and properly file and serve an objection (see Answer to Question No. 18 above), you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you properly file and serve your written objection on time, it will be before the Court when the Court considers whether to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable and adequate. You also may pay your own lawyer to attend the Final Fairness Hearing, but attendance is not necessary. However, if you fail to timely and properly file and serve an objection, you will not be entitled to be heard at the Final Fairness Hearing regarding any objections.

**22. May I speak at the hearing?**

If you are a Class Member who has not requested to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Final Fairness Hearing. To do so, you must send a letter or other paper called a "Notice of Intention to Appear at Fairness Hearing in *Paula Parks McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*" Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and signature. Your Notice of Intention to Appear must be served on and

received by the counsel listed in Answer to Question No. 18 and must be filed with the Clerk of the Court at the address in the Answer to Question No. 18 no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 at 5 p.m. CDT. You cannot speak at the Final Fairness Hearing if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.

If you object to the Settlement or any part thereof and you or your attorney wish to be heard at the Final Fairness Hearing, you must file a Notice of Intention to Appear as outlined above by the date specified for objections in the Answer to Question No. 18 in order to present your objection at the Hearing (see also Answer to Question No. 18 above).

### **IF YOU DO NOTHING**

#### **23. What happens if I do nothing at all?**

If you do nothing and you are a Class Member, you will receive payment in connection with the Settlement as explained in response to Question No. 9 above if you are entitled to a distribution pursuant to the Allocation Methodology and Final Plan of Allocation, and you will be bound by the Settlement. Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, neither you nor any other Releasing Party will be able to start a lawsuit or arbitration, continue a lawsuit or arbitration, or be part of any other lawsuit or arbitration against any of the Released Parties based on any Released Claims.

### **GETTING MORE INFORMATION**

#### **24. Are there more details about the Settlement?**

This Notice summarizes the Settlement. The complete terms of the Settlement are set out in the Settlement Agreement and the documents referenced therein and attached thereto. You may obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement, as well as other documents, from the settlement website for free at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com) or you may request copies by writing to *McClintock-Continuum Settlement*, c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator, \_\_\_\_\_. If you elect to obtain copies from a source other than the free website, there may be a charge to you for copying and mailing such documents. The Settlement Agreement also is filed in *Paula Parks McClintock v. Continuum Producer Services, L.L.C.*, Case No. 6:17-cv-00259-JAG, with the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, 101 North 5th Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, and may be obtained from the Clerk's office directly. Further information regarding the Litigation and this Notice may be obtained by contacting Plaintiff's Counsel at the address provided in the Answer to Question No. 18 above.

#### **25. How do I get more information?**

You can visit the website at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_.com](http://www._____.com), where you will find answers to common questions about the Settlement plus other information to help you determine whether you are a Class Member and whether you are eligible for payment. You can also call \_\_\_\_\_ toll free or write to *McClintock-Continuum Settlement*, c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator, \_\_\_\_\_.

### **INQUIRIES**

All inquiries concerning this notice or any other questions by Class Members should be directed to the Settlement Administrator as follows:

*McClintock-Continuum Settlement*  
c/o JND Legal Administration, Settlement Administrator

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Toll Free: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website: www.\_\_\_\_\_.com  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT REGARDING THIS NOTICE.**

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE COURT