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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT
OKLAHOMA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF AUBREY K. MCCLENDON,)

Case No. PB-2016-342

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Deceased.)

PB-2016-342

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ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL ADMINISTRATOR

There comes on for hearing the Petition for Appointment of Special Administrator ("Petition") filed herein by Tom J. Blalock ("Petitioner") on March ~~16~~, 2016 praying (i) that the Court appoint him as special administrator of the Estate of Aubrey K. McClendon ("Estate"), and (ii) that Letters of Special Administration be issued to him to serve as special administrator of the Estate. Petitioner appears by and through his attorneys, N. Martin Stringer and Mark W. Malone of McAfee & Taft A Professional Corporation. The Court, after having heard the evidence offered in support of the Petition and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following FINDINGS:

1. Pursuant to Title 58 Okla. Stat. § 212, notice of any kind and description of this hearing shall not be required and has been waived by Order of this Court issued on the same date hereof.

2. Aubrey K. McClendon, also known as Aubrey Kerr McClendon and Aubrey McClendon ("Decedent"), died on March 2, 2016.

3. At the time of his death, Decedent was domiciled in and resided in Nichols Hills, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma and left an estate consisting of personal and/or real property in Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, of a probable value in excess of \$200,000.

4. At the time of his death, Decedent was married to Kathleen B. McClendon. During his lifetime, Decedent and Kathleen B. McClendon had three (3) children; namely, John Connor McClendon, Cathleen McClendon Katt and William Upton McClendon. Decedent neither adopted nor had any other children.

5. Petitioner is named as the second alternate executor in that certain August 2015 Will of Aubrey K. McClendon dated August 31, 2015, which will be filed in the future with the Court along with a Petition for Probate of Will.

6. Because of the complexities of the Estate it is likely that there will be a delay in the requesting and granting of letters testamentary. In the interim, to allow for an orderly collection and preservation of the Estate's assets, Petitioner has requested that he be appointed as the special administrator and be granted the power to take actions as are necessary for the preservation and management of the Estate in accordance with Title 58 Okla. Stat. § 215, to include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Gather the books and records related to the Estate, to include financial institutions or investment institutions in which Decedent has or had accounts.
- b. Take possession of all Estate assets.
- c. Communicate and deal with and obtain information from financial institutions or investment institutions in which Decedent has or had accounts.
- d. Be added as a substitute signatory on any accounts at any financial institutions or investment institutions in which Decedent has accounts.
- e. To change the Estate's mailing address with financial institutions, investment institutions, local taxing authorities, the authorities maintaining land records and all others related to any Estate assets.
- f. Communicate and deal with and obtain information from any oil/gas producers or companies in regards to any and all Estate mineral interests, including the ability to change the Estate's mailing address with such producers or companies, deal with monies held in suspense, collect royalty payments and sign new division orders.
- g. Have access to and use of monies in Estate accounts at financial institutions or investment institutions for the purpose of paying Estate bills and conducting ongoing Estate business.
- h. Deal with Decedent's tax return preparers regarding the preparation and filing of Decedent's 2015 personal income tax returns (federal and state).
- i. Collect and preserve all the goods, chattels, debts and effects of Decedent.
- j. Collect all incomes, rents, issues and profits, claims and demands of the Estate.

- k. Take charge of the management of, and enter upon and preserve from damage, waste and injury, the real estate of the Estate. This shall include the ability to deal with crop lease agreements (verbal and/or written) and the Estate's portion of any crops grown on Estate lands (whether in the ground or harvested and being stored or in the process of being sold). Also included is the ability to deal with any cattle grazing rights on any Estate lands. No real estate shall be sold without prior Court order.
- l. Commence and maintain or defend suits and other legal proceedings, but in no case shall he be liable to an action by any creditor on a claim against Decedent.
- m. Continue to act as special administrator until such time as the Court orders otherwise upon the issuance of required notice.

7. The Petition was accompanied by consents and waivers of Decedent's surviving spouse and children (all adults) as well as the parties named in Decedent's last will and testament to serve as executor who have indicated their desire to decline such appointment.

8. In order to collect, secure and preserve the properties of the Estate, a special administrator should be immediately appointed herein.

9. No bond shall be required of the special administrator.

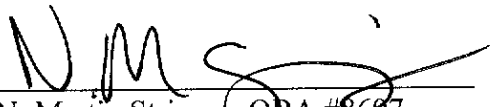
IT IS THEREFORE ordered that Tom J. Blalock be, and he is hereby, appointed as special administrator of the Estate with the power to collect, secure and preserve the assets of the Estate, to include the powers identified in paragraph 6 above, in addition to all the powers granted to a special administrator by law, and that Letters of Special Administration be issued to Tom J. Blalock, as sole special administrator without bond.

DATED this 18 day of March, 2016.


9/0/16 JUDGE WELCH

JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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