

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**STATOIL USA ONSHORE PROPERTIES, INC.**

**Petitioner,**

**vs.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-C-140C**

**THE HONORABLE MARK MATKOVICH,  
West Virginia State Tax Commissioner,**

**THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER J. KESSLER,  
Assessor of Marshall County, and**

**THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MARSHALL COUNTY,**

**Respondents.**

**ANSWER OF THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER J. KESSLER AND  
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MARSHALL COUNTY**

Now comes the Honorable Christopher J. Kessler, Assessor of Marshall County, and The County Commission of Marshall County, by and through Prosecuting Attorney Rhonda L. Wade, and for their Answer to the Complaint filed herein, states as follows:

- I. These Defendants deny the allegations contained in the paragraph titled "Introduction."
2. These Defendants admit the allegations contained in the Paragraph titled "Statoil's Interest."
3. In response to the paragraph titled "Statoil's Analysis and Testimony", these Defendants admit that said employee offered testimony. These defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in said paragraph.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that service of the Answer of the Honorable Christopher J. Kessler and The County Commission of Marshall County, was had upon the following, by mailing a true copy of the same, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016, as follows:

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