EXHIBIT A

THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES	IN DISTRICT COURT
FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION	NEW TOWN, NORTH DAKOTA
Jolene Burr, Ted Lone Fight, Georgianna Danks, Edward S. Danks individually and others similarly situated on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, Plaintiffs,))) AMENDED COMPLAINT
vs. XTO Energy Inc., EOG Resources, WPX Energy, Marathon Oil Company, Petro-Hunt, LLC, HRC Operating, LLC, HRC Resources, LLC (aka Halcon), QEP Resources, Inc., Slawson Exploration Company, Inc., Windsor Energy Group, LLC, Kodiak Oil & Gas, Corp., Gulfport Energy Corporation, and Enerplus, Defendants.) Case No. CV-2014-0048)))))))

PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiffs include enrolled and non enrolled members of the Three Affiliated Tribes owning mineral interests within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation ("FBIR") that produces oil and gas. Plaintiffs and others similarly situated, bring this action for themselves and all those similarly situated. As further set forth below, the enrolled members of the Tribe also have standing pursuant to a federal corporation chartered under the Act of June 18,1934, to seek compensation for the Tribe.
- 2. Defendant XTO Energy, Inc. ("Defendant") is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware with its principal address as 810 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 3. Defendant EOG Resources is one of the largest independent crude oil and natural gas companies in the United States based in Houston, Texas.
- Defendant WPX Energy is an oil and gas producing company based in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 5. Marathon Oil, based in Houston, TX, is an international oil and gas producing company that serves as a lessee under an oil and gas lease of allotted lands from the United States.
- 6. Petro Hunt is a privately held oil and gas producing company based out of Dallas, TX.

- Defendant HRC Operating, LLC and Halcon Resources may have purchased the mineral acres leased by Petro Hunt, LLC. Said companies are oil and gas producing companies based out of Houston, TX.
- 8. Defendant QEP Resources, Inc. is an independent natural gas and crude oil exploration and production company with corporate offices in Denver, Colorado.
- 9. Defendant Slawson Exploration Company is a corporation organized in the state of Kansas with principal offices in Wichita, Kansas.
- 10. Windsor Bakken, LLC provides oil and gas production and exploration services and is founded in Oklahoma.
- 11. Kodiak Oil & Gas, Corp. is an independent energy company focused on the exploration, exploitation, acquisition and production of natural gas and crude oil and is based out of Denver, Colorado.
- 12. Gulfport Energy Corporation is an oil and gas exploration and production company based out of Oklahoma.
- 13. Enerplus is a North American energy producing company based in Calgary, Alberta.
- 14. The above Defendants directly or by agency conduct business on FBIR by consensual agreement with the Tribe, and individual enrolled and some non-enrolled Tribal members.
- 15. Defendants collectively operate oil wells on FBIR that are being flared.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction is appropriate in this matter pursuant to FBIR Tribal Council Reso #82-192 and the Tribal Civil Code, Chap. 1, Sec. 3 and Local Rules as well as Title 1, Sec. 3 which states in part that:

"It is the intent of this Code that the jurisdictional powers be liberally construed to serve the ends of justice, and a failure to legislate in a particular area shall not be deemed a waiver of that authority....that 'persons' shall include individuals, business, partnerships, associations, cooperatives, and corporations, or any other legal commercial entity...The Courts shall have jurisdiction over all property, real, and personal, which is located within the exterior boundaries of the FBIR. Such jurisdiction shall extend to the determination

of ownership rights in property, interest in property, and the application of property to the satisfaction of a judgment for which the owner of the property is deemed to be liable...that the Courts shall have jurisdiction to render money judgments against 'persons' who are not subject personally to the iurisdiction of the Courts only if the action is commenced by an attachment of the defendant's property which is located within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.... The Courts shall have jurisdiction over all civil causes of action arising within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation and over all criminal offenses which are enumerated in this Code, and which are committed within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.....The court exercises civil authority over actions arising or impacting on reservation matters or persons, and federal case law requires exhaustion of tribal court remedies...."

- 17. A Corporate Charter to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation was granted as a Federal Corporation under the Act of June 18, 1934. The purpose of the corporate charter was for economic development. The members of the corporate charter include all members of the Three Affiliated Tribe, and therefore, Plaintiffs have standing to sue on behalf of the Tribe and seek compensation on behalf of the Tribe.
- 18. The MHA Nation has data and analysis to specifically determine the amount of natural gas flared from FBIR.
- 19. Oil and gas companies in the State of North Dakota flare an approximate combined 32% of its Natural Gas while oil and gas companies on FBIR flare approximately 67% of its natural gas.
- 20. Technology and services have been readily available to capture, convert and market the natural gas without pipelines or electricity.
- 21. The MHA Nation has, by Tribal Resolution, prohibited Flaring.
- 22. Although the laws of North Dakota do not bind this Tribal District Court, such laws may be applied and/or used as a reference. In this matter, the FBIR Tribal Resolution mirrors the state equivalent found in N.D.C.C. § 38-08-06.4 which states:

"38-08-06,4. Flaring of gas restricted - Imposition of tax - Payment of royalties - Industrial commission authority.

- 1. As permitted under rules of the industrial commission, gas produced with crude oil from an oil well may be flared during a one-year period from the date of first production from the well.
- 2. After the time period in subsection 1, flaring of gas from the well must cease and the well must be:
 - a. Capped;
 - b. Connected to a gas gathering line;
 - c. Equipped with an electrical generator that consumes at least seventy-five percent of the gas from the well;
 - d. Equipped with a system that intakes at least seventy-five percent of the gas and natural gas liquids volume from the well for beneficial consumption by means of compression to liquid for use as fuel, transport to a processing facility, production of petrochemicals or fertilizer, conversion to liquid fuels, separating and collecting over fifty percent of the propane and heavier hydrocarbons; or Equipped with other value-added processes as approved by the industrial commission which reduce the volume or intensity of the flare by more than sixty percent.
- 3. An electrical generator and its attachment units to produce electricity from gas and a collection system described in subdivision d of subsection 2 must be considered to be personal property for all purposes.
- 4. For a well operated in violation of this section, the producer shall pay royalties to royalty owners upon the value of the flared gas and shall also pay gross production tax on the flared gas at the rate imposed under section 57-51-02.2.
- 5. The industrial commission may enforce this section and, for each well operator found to be in violation of this section, may determine the value of flared gas for purposes of payment of royalties under this section and its determination is final.
- 6. A producer may obtain an exemption from this section from the industrial commission upon application that shows to the satisfaction of the industrial commission that connection of the well to a natural gas gathering line is economically infeasible at the time of the application or in the foreseeable future or that a market for the gas is not available and that equipping the well with an electrical generator to produce electricity from gas or employing a collection system described in subdivision d of subsection 2 is economically infeasible."
- 23. Defendants have failed to comply with the prohibitions against flaring, and have not abided by either Tribal or State law in capturing and marketing Plaintiffs' marketable resources and have failed to pay royalties for all or a portion of the flared gas.

- 24. Plaintiffs are entitled to sue for and recover royalties for past, present and future flared gas.
- 25. Plaintiffs are entitled to sue for adverse health and environmental effects on the air of FBIR, if any, and to prevent the waste of the valuable natural resource.

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFFS PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:

- 1. For economic damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 2. For non-economic damages in a reasonable sum;
- 3. For costs, interest and expenses in bringing this cause of action;
- 4. For other relief as justice requires, including the ordering of certification of the proposed class of Plaintiffs.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2014.

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DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Trial by jury is hereby demanded upon all issues berein.

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That she is a citizen of the United States of America, of legal age, and is not a party to nor interested in the above-entitled action; that on the 3rd day of June, 2014, this Affiant deposited in the mailing department of the United States Post Office at Minot, North Dakota, a sealed envelope with postage thereon duly prepaid, containing a true and correct copy of the following documents in the above entitled action: Amended Summons and **Amended Complaint**

That said envelope was addressed to the following:

CMRRR 7013 1090 0001 9407 0271 C.T. Corporation System Registered Agent for Kodiak Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. 314 E. Thayer Ave. Bismarck, ND 58502-4018

That the above documents were duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of June, 2014.

Ruth G. Headrick Notary Public **RUTH HEADRICK** Ward County, North Dakota Notary Public State or North Dakota My Commission Expires Oct. 25, 2017

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THE THREE AFFILIATED TRIBE TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer upon the subscriber within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2014.

BY:

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Dated this day of May, 2014.

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