No. 26-___

IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

MERIT ENERGY COMPANY, LLC, MERIT HUGOTON, L.P., AND OXY USA, INC.,

Petitioners,

v.

CHERRY RIDER, TRUSTEE OF THE CHERRY RIDER FAMILY TRUST, AND R.W. AND CATHY LUCAS, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE R.W. LUCAS AND CATHY LUCAS LIVING TRUST,

individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Respondents.

Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

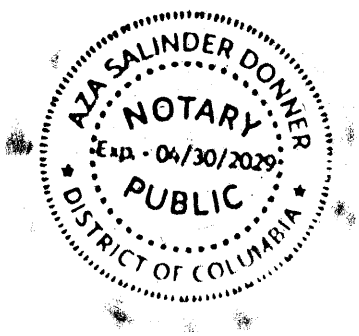
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of November 2026.



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My commission expires April 30, 2029.