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1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 5 * * * 6 IN RE WESTERN STATES WHOLESALE MDL NO. 1566 7 NATURAL **ANTITRUST** GAS LITIGATION Base Case No. 8 2:03-cv-01431-RCJ-PAL THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: 9 Reorganized FLI, Inc. v. The Williams Case No. 2:05-cv-01331-RCJ-PAL 10 Companies, Inc., et al. 11 Learjet, Inc., et al. v. ONEOK, Inc., et al. Case No. 2:06-cv-00233-RCJ-PAL 12 Breckenridge Brewery of Colorado, LLC, et al. Case No. 2:06-cv-01351-RCJ-PAL v. ONEOK, Inc., et al. 13 Heartland Regional Medical Center, et al. v. Case No. 2:07-cv-00987-RCJ-PAL 14 ONEOK, Inc., et al. 15 Arandell Corp., et al. v. Xcel Energy, Inc., et Case No. 2:07-cv-01019-RCJ-PAL 16 NewPage Wisconsin System, Inc. v. CMS Case No. 2:09-cv-00915-RCJ-PAL 17 Energy Resource Management Co., et al. 18 This matter is before the court on the Motion to Substitute Counsel for Williams 19 Defendants (Dkt. #2141) filed July 27, 2015. Tristan L. Duncan, Tammy B. Webb, Steven D. 20 Soden, John R. McCambridge and Brent Dwerlkotte, of Shook, Hardy & Bacon, L.L.P., seek 21 leave to be substituted in the place and stead of Sarah Jane Gillett, Heather L. Cupp and Barndon 22 B. Rule, of Hall, Estil, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson, P.C., for Defendants THE 23 WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC., WILLIAMS MERCHANT SERVICES COMPANY, INC., 24 WILLIAMS POWER COMPANY, INC. AND WILLIAMS ENERGY MARKETING AND 25 TRADING CO., WILLIAMS GAS MARKETING, and WPX ENERGY, INC. 26 LR IA 10-6(b) provides that no attorney may withdraw without notice to the affected 27

client and opposing counsel. The stipulation does not contain the signature of the client's

authorized agent or indicate service on the affected client. Additionally, LR IA 10-6(c) provides that the signature of an attorney to substitute in a case "constitutes an express acceptance of all dates then set for pretrial proceedings, for trial or hearing, by the discovery plan, or in any court order." Finally, LR IA 10-6(d) provides that the substitution of an attorney "shall not alone be reason for delay of pretrial proceedings, discovery, the trial, or any hearing in this case."

Having reviewed and considered the matter, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED the Motion to Substitute Counsel for Williams Defendants (Dkt. #2141) is DENIED without prejudice for failure to comply with LR IA 10-6(b).

DATED this 7th day of August, 2015.

PEGGY A. LEEN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE