

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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PERMIAN GLOBAL INC., AND  
MANTICORE FUELS, LLC  
Petitioners,

v.

FUEL AUTOMATION STATION, LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Cases IPR2023-01236; IPR2023-01237; IPR2023-01238

Patent Nos. 10,815,118; 9,586,805; 10,974,955

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**DECLARATION OF JOHN E. ORTOLEVA, Jr.**

I, John E. Ortoleva, Jr. declare:

1. I am the Assistant General Counsel for Atlas Oil Company. In this role, I oversee all the legal affairs for Atlas Oil Company and its various Affiliates, including Fuel Automation Station, LLC ("FAS"). I have overseen legal affairs for FAS since 2016.

2. On July 9, 2021, FAS filed a patent infringement lawsuit against Comanche Gas Solutions, LLC ("Comanche"), alleging that Comanche's fuel distribution system infringed U.S. Patent Nos. 10,815,118 and 10,974,955 in the District of Delaware (Case 1:21-cv-01007-UNA).

3. That litigation ultimately settled, resulting in a confidential settlement agreement in which Comanche took a license of FAS's U.S. Patent Nos. 10,815,118; 9,586,805; and 10,974,955. I was personally involved with the negotiation of that settlement agreement.

4. Pursuant to the license, Comanche pays a royalty to FAS for the use of Comanche's fuel distribution systems.

5. In 2018, Rick Shock, inventor of the patented Fuel Automation Station Unit ("FAS Unit"), was named an Industry Leader at the Texas Oil & Gas Awards for the FAS Units' improvements in safety. (See attached press release).

6. A total of more than 60 FAS Units have been used to deliver over 800,000,000 gallons of fuel on well sites in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, North

Dakota, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania, as well as internationally in Canada, Saudi Arabia, and Argentina.

7. All of the FAS Units are marked with U.S. Patent Nos. 10,815,118; 9,586,805; and 10,974,955 through FAS's virtual marking page.

8. I understand and have been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001). I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Ortoleva, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

By: John E. Ortoleva, Jr.

Dated: 5/31/24

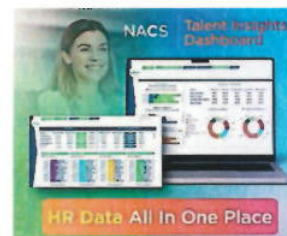
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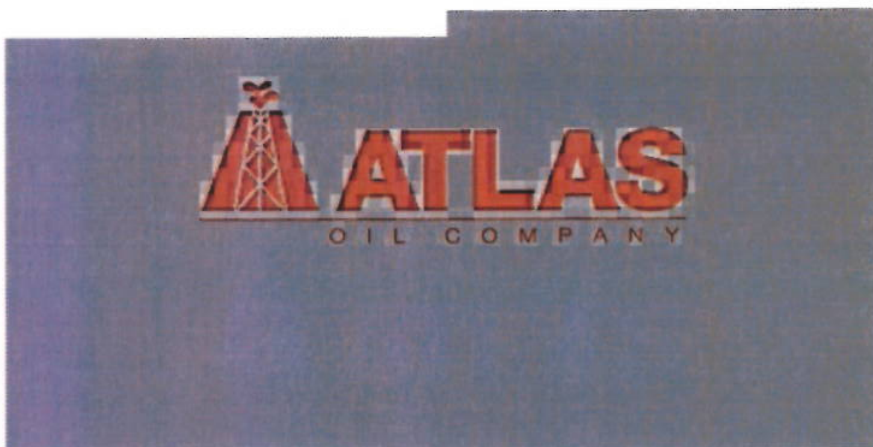
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# Atlas Oil's Rick Shock Named "Industry Leader" At Texas Oil and Gas Awards

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Atlas Oil Company's Vice President of FAS and Fleet Services Rick Shock was named the Industry Leader at the Texas Oil and Gas Awards Wednesday night in Houston, Texas.

"It is truly humbling to be recognized for this award and an honor to be named an Industry Leader in my home state," said Shock. "I've dedicated my life to this industry and making sure our teams are kept safe in the field. They're really the ones who deserve recognition."

Shock presented the idea of a fully automated fueling system for frac sites called the [Fuel Automation Station](#) to Atlas upon joining the team in 2015. These FAS units drastically improve the safety of frac site workers by taking them out of the "hot zone". Each FAS unit is dedicated to major E & P and completions companies featuring as many as 28 hose reels to accommodate the growing needs of frac sites.

Shock has over 39 years of experience in the oil industry and remains extremely involved in the Texas community, serving on the board of a local nonprofit—C.A.S.T. for Kids.





Atlas was named a finalist in two additional award categories including "Award for Excellence in Health and Safety" and "Trucking Company of the Year".

"Atlas has grown tremendously over the past few years, but we've refused to lose sight of our commitment to safety and customer service," said Atlas President Robert Kenyon, who attended the award ceremony along with key members of Atlas' leadership team. "As we expand our oilfield services throughout the country, we're continuing to fuel innovation for our customers with best-in-class service, equipment, and technology."

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