

The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

HERO LANDS COMPANY, L.L.C.

No. 2023-C-01050

VS.

CHEVRON U.S.A. INC.; TOTAL
PETROCHEMICALS & REFINING USA, INC.;
PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, INC.; KEY
OPERATING & PRODUCTION COMPANY,
L.L.C.; KEY EXPLORATION COMPANY;
WAGNER OIL COMPANY; HILCORP ENERGY
I, L.P.; MANTI OPERATING COMPANY; AND
HENDERSON OIL COMPANY, INC.

IN RE: Chevron U.S.A. Inc. - Applicant Defendant; Applying For Writ Of
Certiorari, Parish of Plaquemines, 25th Judicial District Court Number(s) 64-320,
Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, Number(s) 2022-CA-0383;

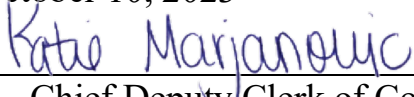
October 10, 2023

Writ application granted in part. See per curiam.

SJC
JLW
JTG
WJC
JBM
PDG

Hughes, J., dissents.

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On Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, Parish of Plaquemines

PER CURIAM:

Writ granted in part. Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:29(E), as well as this Court’s decision in *Sweet Lake Land & Oil Co., LLC v. Oleum Operating Co., L.C.*, 2022-0497 (La. 9/20/22), 345 So.3d 1022, and the Third Circuit’s application of that decision in *Sweet Lake Land & Oil Co., LLC v. Oleum Operating Co., L.C.*, 2021-0169 (La. App. 3 Cir. 12/7/22), 354 So.3d 740, *writ denied*, 2023-0034 (La. 3/7/23), the courts below erroneously held that defendant, Chevron U.S.A, Inc., is responsible for paying attorneys’ fees and costs incurred in plaintiff’s pursuit of claims against defendants other than Chevron U.S.A, Inc.. We remand the matter to the appellate court to correct its calculation of the fees and costs owed by Chevron U.S.A, Inc. to plaintiff consistent with this ruling. As to all other claims, the writ application is denied.