

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

SUJIT GAIKWAD,)
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 Petitioner,)
)
 v.)
)
 JASON A. GILBERT, GOTHAM)
 RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT)
 CO., LLC, LIPPELMANN)
 PARTNERS, LLC, and GREAT)
 PLAINS PETROLEUM, LLC,)
)
 Respondents.)

C.A. No. 2025-1396-DG

**ORDER GRANTING DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND
CONFIRMING ARBITRATION AWARD**

WHEREAS:

A. On May 2, 2025, an arbitration panel issued a final arbitration award (the “Award”) that resolved a dispute between the parties to this action.¹ The Award totals \$1,645,180.49 in monetary relief, plus post-judgment interest at the legal rate.²

¹ See generally Dkt. 1 Ex. C.

² See Dkt. 1 Ex. C at 9–10.

B. On December 1, petitioner Sujit Gaikwad (“Gaikwad”) filed this action to confirm and enforce the Award.³ Despite being served with process,⁴ no Respondent has appeared or responded to this action.

C. On February 14, 2026, Gaikwad moved for default judgment, seeking to confirm the arbitration award.⁵

IT IS ORDERED, this 2nd day of April, 2026, that:

1. The Award is governed by the FAA because the arbitration agreement does not specifically reference the Delaware Uniform Arbitration Act.⁶ Under the FAA, the court “must grant” a request to confirm an arbitration award unless the award is vacated, modified, or corrected under Sections 10 or 11 of the FAA.⁷ Parties seeking to vacate, modify, or correct an arbitration award must do so within three months of the award’s issuance.⁸ Once that three-month period expires, those forms of relief are unavailable and the court “must grant” confirmation of the arbitration award.⁹

³ Dkt. 1.

⁴ See Dkts. 4–13.

⁵ Dkt. 14.

⁶ See 10 *Del. C* § 5702(a), (c); Dkt. 1 Ex. A § 11.6.

⁷ 9 U.S.C. § 9.

⁸ See *id.* § 12.

⁹ *Id.* § 9; see *Gulf LNG Energy, LLC v. Eni USA Gas Marketing LLC*, 242 A.3d 575, 584 (Del. 2020) (citations omitted).

