

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the matter of whether Somerset Energy, Inc.'s) Docket No.: 25-CONS-3193-CUIC
injection authority at eight wells subject to permit)
E-31,866 should be revoked.) CONSERVATION DIVISION
)
) License No.: 6143

In the matter of the petition of Somerset Energy,) Docket No.: 25-CONS-3195-CMSC
Inc. to open a docket pursuant to K.S.A. 55-605(a).)
) CONSERVATION DIVISION
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MOTION TO CLOSE CONSOLIDATED DOCKETS

Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff and Commission, respectively) moves for the Commission to close the captioned dockets in this matter. In support of its motion, Staff states as follows:

1. On December 9, 2024, Staff filed a motion for the designation of a presiding officer and the scheduling of a prehearing conference to determine whether the injection authority for eight wells belonging to Somerset Energy, Inc. (Operator) should be revoked. Staff had located an unplugged, abandoned well which fell within the area of review of the eight injection wells belonging to Operator.¹ Staff created a new well record and assigned an API number to the Nevius #OW-6 well (Subject Well), API #15-121-02901.²

2. On December 11, 2024, Operator submitted a petition opening docket pursuant to K.S.A. 55-605(a). Operator alleged that Staff's actions cause waste, ignore statutory procedures

¹ Motion for the Designation of a Presiding Officer and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference, ¶5-6 (Dec. 9, 2024).

² *Id.*

and deny due process in an attempt to unlawfully compel Operator to accept legal responsibility for an orphaned well which it was not responsible for under K.S.A. 55-179.³

3. On December 31, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Consolidating Dockets and Designating Presiding Officer wherein the captioned dockets were consolidated with the purpose to determine what obligations Operator may have as it pertains to the Subject Well, and how the status of the Subject Well should impact Operator's use of the eight wells within a quarter-mile of that well.⁴

4. Subsequent to the dockets being consolidated, Operator's counsel has indicated to Staff that Operator has plugged the Subject Well. In light of this information, the matters at issue in the consolidated dockets appear to be moot. Operator's counsel has indicated that Operator does not object to the captioned dockets being closed.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons described above, Staff respectfully moves the Commission to issue an order closing the captioned dockets.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Petition of Somerset Energy, Inc., ¶16 (Dec. 11, 2024).

⁴ Order Consolidating Dockets and Designating Presiding Officer, ¶6 (Dec. 31, 2024).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Motion has been served to the following by means of electronic service on April 4, 2025.

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