

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

Before Commissioners: Dwight D. Keen, Chair
 Shari Feist Albrecht
 Susan K. Duffy

In the matter of the failure of Castle Resources,) Docket No: 20-CONS-3097-CPEN
Inc. (“Operator”) to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-)
107 and K.A.R. 82-3-130 at the Steinhsoeur Hill) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Farms #1 in Sheridan County, Kansas.)
_____) License No: 9860

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO RESCIND PENALTY ORDER

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds the following:

1. On October 3, 2019, the Commission issued a *Penalty Order* against Castle Resources, Inc. (Operator) for one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-107 and K.A.R. 82-3-130 because Operator did not timely submit a complete and accurate well completion report, with associated documents, for the Steinhsoeur Hill Farms #1 well.¹
2. On October 17, 2019, Operator requested a hearing.²
3. On December 3, 2019, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a *Motion to Rescind Order*, stating that Staff did not believe expending resources to prosecute this matter was in the best interests of the state.³ Staff recommended that the Commission rescind its *Penalty Order* and close the docket.
4. The Commission finds that because Operator submitted its well completion report on August 1, 2019,⁴ submitted the missing associated documents necessary to process the well

¹ See *Penalty Order*, ¶¶ 5, 10 (Oct. 3, 2019).
² Letter Requesting Hearing (Oct. 17, 2019).
³ See *Motion to Rescind Order*, ¶ 3 (Nov. 26, 2019).
⁴ *Id.*

completion report by September 12, 2019,⁵ and had been given a September 19, 2019, deadline by Staff to satisfactorily submit a complete, accurate well completion report,⁶ that Staff's recommendation to rescind the *Penalty Order* is reasonable.

5. The Commission finds the *Penalty Order* should be rescinded.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Staff's Motion to Rescind Order is granted. The Commission's August 29, 2019, *Penalty Order* is rescinded.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁷

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 12/10/2019



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: 12/10/2019

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⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See *Penalty Order*, Exhibit A.

⁷ See K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 55-707; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on 12/10/2019.

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