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CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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**NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT**  
19-CONS-3164-CPEN

November 6, 2018

Matthew L. Pride  
Pride Energy Company, a General Partnership  
PO Box 701950  
Tulsa, OK 74170-1950

This is a notice of a penalty assessment for violation(s) of Kansas Oil and Gas Conservation Statutes, Rules, and Regulations. For a full description of the penalty and process please refer to the Penalty Order that is attached to this notice.

**IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY:**

You have been assessed a \$400 penalty. You have 30 days from the service date of this Penalty Order to pay the fine amount. Check or money order must be made payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission and mailed to the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Payment by credit card may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.

**IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY:**

You have the right to request a hearing. A written request for hearing must be made within 30 days after service of the Penalty Order setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. Respondent must submit the request to the Commission, at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The Commission shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act within 30 days after receipt of such request. K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-542; K.A.R. 82-1-215.

**IF YOU FAIL TO ACT:**

Failure to pay the fine amount, or in the alternative, provide a written request for a hearing, within thirty (30) days of service of the Penalty Order, will result in the attached Penalty Order becoming a Final Order and may result in additional sanctions, including additional monetary penalties, the suspension of your oil and gas operating license, and the shutting-in of all operations until compliance is obtained. K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-537.

Respectfully,

Lauren N. Wright  
Litigation Counsel  
316-337-6200

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

Before Commissioners:                Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
                                                 Jay Scott Emler  
                                                 Dwight D. Keen

In the matter of the failure of Pride Energy	)	Docket No.: 19-CONS-3164-CPEN
Company, a General Partnership (“Operator”)	)	
to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the Lowry	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
(1) #H-9, City of Stockton Cementary #1,	)	
Anspach #H-8 (l) and City of Stockton #2-19	)	License No.: 32192
<u>in Rooks County, Kansas.</u>	)	

**PENALTY ORDER**

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1.        The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has jurisdiction to regulate the “construction, operation, and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from any well.”<sup>2</sup> Every operator conducting oil and gas activity in Kansas must be licensed by the Commission.<sup>3</sup>

2.        The Commission has the authority to issue a Penalty Order for violation of any provision of K.S.A. 55-101 *et seq.*, rule, regulation, or order of the Commission.<sup>4</sup> The Commission shall take appropriate action which may include, but not be limited to, imposing a monetary penalty “not to exceed \$10,000, which shall constitute an actual and substantial

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 74-623.

<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 55-152.

<sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 55-155.

<sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-164.

economic deterrent to the violation for which the penalty is assessed.”<sup>5</sup> “In the case of a continuing violation, every day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.”<sup>6</sup>

3. Within 90 days after operations cease on any well drilled for the purpose of exploration, discovery, service, or production of oil, gas, or other minerals, the operator of that well shall: (1) plug the well, (2) return the well to service, or (3) file an application with the Conservation Division requesting temporary abandonment (“TA”) authority, on a form prescribed by the Conservation Division.<sup>7</sup> No well shall be temporarily abandoned unless first approved by the Conservation Division.<sup>8</sup> A well shall not be eligible for TA status if the well has been shut in for 10 years or more without an application for an exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100 and approval by the Commission.<sup>9</sup> The failure to file a notice of temporary abandonment shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty,<sup>10</sup> and the failure to obtain approval of temporary abandonment status shall subject the Operator to additional administrative action.<sup>11</sup>

4. K.A.R. 82-3-111(e) provides an exemption for certain wells that are (1) fully equipped for production of oil or gas or for injection; (2) capable of immediately resuming production of oil or gas or of injection; (3) subject to a valid continuing oil and gas lease; when (4) the cessation period for the well is less than 365 days; and (5) the well is otherwise in full compliance with all of the Commission’s regulations.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

5. The Operator conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 32192.

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<sup>5</sup> K.S.A. 55-164.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> *See* K.A.R. 82-3-111(a).

<sup>8</sup> K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> K.S.A. 55-164; K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

6. The Operator is responsible for the care and control of the following wells, all located in 7 South, Range 17 West, Rooks County, Kansas.

- a. Lowry (1) #H-9, API #15-163-21899-00-01, Section 18;
- b. City of Stockton Cementary #1, API #15-163-21964-01-00, Section 18;
- c. Anspach #H-8 (I), API #15-163-22013-01-00, Section 18; and
- d. City of Stockon #2-19, API #15-163-21938-01-00, Section 19.

7. On September 05, 2018, Commission records indicated that the subject wells had been inactive and unplugged for longer than the 90 days allowed by K.A.R. 82-3-111 and that the wells were not exempt pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111(e). The wells had also not been approved for temporary abandonment status. Thus, District Staff sent a letter to the Operator, requiring the Operator to bring the subject well into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111 by October 3, 2018.<sup>12</sup>

8. Because the deadline in the letter passed and the violation had not been resolved, on October 12, 2018, District Staff inspected the subject well, verifying that the well continued to be inactive and unplugged.<sup>13</sup>

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

9. The Commission finds and concludes that it has jurisdiction over the Operator and this matter under K.S.A. 55-152 and K.S.A. 74-623.

10. The Commission finds and concludes the Operator committed four violations of K.A.R. 82-3-111 because the subject wells have been inactive in excess of the time allowed by regulation without being plugged, returned to service, or approved for TA status.<sup>14</sup>

#### **THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- A. The Operator shall pay a \$400 penalty.

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<sup>12</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>13</sup> Exhibit B.

<sup>14</sup> K.S.A. 55-164; K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

B. The Operator shall plug the subject wells, or return the wells to service, or obtain TA status for the wells if eligible. Obtaining TA status shall include application for, and Commission approval of, an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status if applicable.

C. If no party requests a hearing, and the Operator is not in compliance with this Order within 30 days from the date of service of this Order, then the Operator's license shall be suspended without further notice. The notice and opportunity for a hearing on this Order shall constitute the notice required by K.S.A. 77-512 regarding license suspension. The Commission may impose further sanctions, including additional monetary penalties and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

D. Checks and money orders shall be payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission. Payments shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Credit card payments may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.

E. Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-164, K.S.A. 77-537, and K.S.A. 77-542, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order. Hearings will be scheduled only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Operator's right to a hearing.

F. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

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

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 11/06/2018 \_\_\_\_\_



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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: 11/07/2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
Jay Scott Emler, Commissioner  
Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner

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## **NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

JOHN PRIDE  
PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY, A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
P O BOX 701950  
TULSA OK 74170-1950

September 05, 2018  
KCC Lic.-32192

RE: **TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT**  
API Well No. 15-163-21899-00-01  
LOWRY (1) H-9  
18-7S-17W, SWSESW  
ROOKS County, Kansas

Operator:

On August 22, 2018, a lease inspection documented a probable violation of the following regulation at the referenced well:

- K.A.R. 82-3-111. Within 90 days after operations cease on a well, the operator must return the well to service, plug the well, or obtain approval for temporary abandonment status.

**Failure to remedy this violation  
by OCTOBER 03, 2018  
shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty.**

You may contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

RICHARD WILLIAMS  
KCC District # 4



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RE: **TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT**  
API Well No. 15-163-21964-01-00  
CITY OF STOCKTON CEMENTARY 1  
18-7S-17W, SWSWNESEW  
ROOKS County, Kansas

Operator:

On August 22, 2018, a lease inspection documented a probable violation of the following regulation at the referenced well:

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September 05, 2018  
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RE: **TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT**  
API Well No. 15-163-22013-01-00  
ANSPACH H-8 (1)  
18-7S-17W, SWSWSESW  
ROOKS County, Kansas

Operator:

On August 22, 2018, a lease inspection documented a probable violation of the following regulation at the referenced well:

- K.A.R. 82-3-111. Within 90 days after operations cease on a well, the operator must return the well to service, plug the well, or obtain approval for temporary abandonment status.

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September 05, 2018  
KCC Lic.-32192

**RE: TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT**  
API Well No. 15-163-21938-01-00  
CITY OF STOCKTON 2-19  
19-7S-17W, NENWNENW  
ROOKS County, Kansas

Operator:

On August 22, 2018, a lease inspection documented a probable violation of the following regulation at the referenced well:

- K.A.R. 82-3-111. Within 90 days after operations cease on a well, the operator must return the well to service, plug the well, or obtain approval for temporary abandonment status.

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## UPDATE REPORT

**Date:** October 12, 2018

**Operator:** Pride Energy Company

**License:** 32192

**Location:** SW/4 18-7S-17W

**Lease:** C.O.S. H-9

**County:** Rooks

**Findings:**

- **Oct. 12, 2018: C.O.S. H-9 API# 15-163-21899-0001**, located SW SE SW/4 18-7-17W Rooks County Kansas. (GPS LOC: LAT. 39.43746, LONG. 099.26256 Footages 316' F.S.L. & 3636' F.E.L.). No changes from previous inspection on Aug. 22, 2018.



Pat Bedore      E.C.R.S.  
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(agent)

*Pat Bedore*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

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## UPDATE REPORT

**Date:** October 12, 2018

**Operator:** Pride Energy Company

**License:** 32192

**Location:** SW/4 18-7S-17W

**Lease:** C.O.S. F8

**County:** Rooks

**Findings:**

- **Oct. 12, 2018: C.O.S. F8 API# 15-163-21964-0000**, located SW NW SW/4 18-7-17W Rooks County Kansas. (GPS LOC: LAT. 39.44115, LONG. 099.26613 Footages 1648' F.S.L. & 4650' F.E.L.). No change from previous inspection on Aug. 22, 2018.



Pat Bedore      E.C.R.S.  
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(agent)

*Pat Bedore*  
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(signature)

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## UPDATE REPORT

**Date:** October 12, 2018

**Operator:** Pride Energy Company

**License:** 32192

**Location:** SW/4 18-7S-17W

**Lease:** Anspach C.O.S. H8

**County:** Rooks

**Findings:**

- **Oct. 12, 2018: Anspach C.O.S. H8 API# 15-163-22013-0100**, located SW SE SW/4 18-7-17W Rooks County Kansas. (GPS LOC: LAT. 39.43739, LONG. 099.26300 Footages 290' F.S.L. & 3760' F.E.L.). No changes from previous inspection on Aug. 22, 2018.



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(agent)

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(signature)

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## UPDATE REPORT

**Date:** October 12, 2018

**Operator:** Pride Energy Company

**License:** 32192

**Location:** NW/4 19-7S-17W

**Lease:** C.O.S. 2-19

**County:** Rooks

**Findings:**

- **Oct. 12, 2018: C.O.S. 2-19 API# 15-163-21938-0100**, located NW NE NW/4 19-7-17W Rooks County Kansas. (GPS LOC: LAT. 39.43576, LONG. 099.26134 Footages 4978' F.S.L. & 3287' F.E.L.). No change from previous inspection on Aug. 22, 2018.



Pat Bedore      E.C.R.S.  
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(agent)

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

19-CONS-3164-CPEN

I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail and electronic service on 11/06/2018.

MATTHEW L. PRIDE  
PRIDE ENERGY COMPANY, A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
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