

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

Before Commissioners: Pat Apple, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Jay Scott Emler

In the Matter of an Order to Show Cause issued to) Docket No. 17-CONS-3325-CSHO
Steven W. Winder dba SW Oil and Cattle Co.)
("Operator") regarding responsibility under K.S.A.) CONSERVATION DIVISION
55-179 for unplugged wells on an expired license.)
) License No. 30450

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER CONTINUING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On October 21, 2016, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a Motion for an Order to Show Cause, the Designating of a Prehearing Officer, and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference.

2. On January 19, 2017, the Commission issued the Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Officer. The Commission set a prehearing conference for February 7, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.¹

3. At the February 7, 2017 Prehearing Conference, Staff indicated verbally that Staff would motion for a continuance of the Prehearing Conference in this matter. Staff later filed a written motion indicating that the matter may be resolved amicably.²

4. Kansas law favors compromising and settling disputes.³ Therefore for good cause shown, Staff's motion is granted. The Prehearing Conference shall be rescheduled to **Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.**

¹ Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference at 3 (Jan. 19, 2017).

² Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference (Feb. 7, 2017).

THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Conference shall be continued until **Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number: (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN #7632914771.

B. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, and scheduling of a hearing with the Commission.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, without further notice, this proceeding may be converted into a conference hearing or a summary proceeding for disposition of this matter as provided by the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA), K.S.A. 77-501 et seq. Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default pursuant to KAPA.

D. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.⁴

Dated: February 27, 2017

/s/ Dustin L. Kirk
Dustin L. Kirk, Deputy General Counsel
Prehearing Officer

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³ *Bright v. LSI Corp.*, 254 Kan. 853, 858 (1994).

⁴ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 27, 2017, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Prehearing Officer Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Steven W. Winder dba SW Oil and Cattle Co.
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And delivered by email to:

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Dustin L. Kirk, Deputy General Counsel
KCC Topeka Office

/s/ Cynthia K. Maine
Cynthia K. Maine
Administrative Assistant
Kansas Corporation Commission