

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

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

In the Matter of the Application of Linn	)	Docket No.: 15-CONS-768-CUNI
Operating, Inc. for an order providing for the	)	
unitization and unit operation of a part of the	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Hugoton and Panoma Council Grove Gas Fields	)	
in the Alternate Tract Unit described as Section	)	License No.: 33999
14-29S-39W (SE/4), Section 13-29S-39W	)	
(SW/4), Section 24-29S-39W (NW/4), Section	)	
23-29S-39W (NE/4) in Stanton County, Kansas	)	
(ATU 224).	)	

In the Matter of the Application of Linn	)	Docket No.: 15-CONS-776-CUNI
Operating, Inc. for an order providing for the	)	
unitization and unit operation of a part of the	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Hugoton and Panoma Council Grove Gas Fields	)	
in the Alternate Tract Unit described as Section	)	License No.: 33999
12-27S-38W (SE/4), Section 07-27S-37W	)	
(SW/4), Section 18-27S-37W (NW/4), Section	)	
13-27S-38W (NE/4) in Grant County, Kansas	)	
(ATU 150X).	)	

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER  
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

1.        On March 16, 2015, and March 23, 2015, Linn Operating, Inc. filed the applications in these dockets through counsel. On April 9, 2015, Don K. Williams filed a protest in each of the dockets through counsel.

2.        Upon its own motion and pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c), the Commission finds that a Prehearing Officer should be designated in this proceeding to address any matters listed in K.S.A. 77-517(b), and that a prehearing conference should be scheduled.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Lane R. Palmateer, Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main, Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, telephone number 316-337-6200, email address [l.palmateer@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:l.palmateer@kcc.ks.gov).

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2015. The Prehearing Conference shall begin at 1:30 p.m. and end by 2:30 p.m., at the Commission's offices, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Telephonic attendance may be permitted upon advance request. The Prehearing Conference will focus on the development of a procedural schedule for this docket.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, scheduling of a hearing with the Commission, and any other issues that will promote the orderly and prompt resolution of this proceeding.

D. 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"). Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding shall be held in default under the KAPA.

E. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2), corporations must enter an appearance via an attorney. If a corporation fails to enter an appearance via an attorney prior to the Prehearing Conference, it shall be held in default under the KAPA.

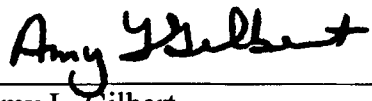
F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is John McCannon, Litigation Counsel, telephone number 316-337-6200, email [j.mccannon@kcc.ks.gov](mailto:j.mccannon@kcc.ks.gov).

G. 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.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: APR 21 2015

  
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Amy L. Gilbert  
Secretary

Mailed Date: April 21, 2015

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 4/21/15, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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