

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
Dwight D. Keen  
Annie Kuether

In the matter of the failure of Satchell Creek ) Docket No.: 25-CONS-3197-CPEN  
Petroleum, LLC (Operator) to comply with )  
K.A.R. 82-3-120. ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
)  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) License No.: 35970

**PENALTY ORDER**

The Commission finds Operator has violated K.A.R. 82-3-120, assesses a \$500 penalty, directs Operator to come into compliance, and further rules as more fully described below.

**I. JURISDICTION**

1. K.S.A. 74-623 provides the Commission exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas. K.S.A. 55-152 provides the Commission with jurisdiction to regulate the construction, operation, and abandonment of any well, and also the protection of the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from any well. The Commission has licensing authority under K.S.A. 55-155.

2. K.S.A. 55-162 and K.S.A. 55-164 provide the Commission authority to issue penalty orders for violations of Chapter 55 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or of any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission. Under K.S.A. 55-164, a penalty order may include a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000, the penalty must constitute a substantial and actual economic deterrent to the violation, and each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

3. K.A.R. 82-3-120(a)(1) provides that no operator shall drill, complete, service, plug, or operate any oil or gas well without first obtaining or renewing an operator license, and that each operator in physical control of any such well shall maintain a current license even if the

well is shut in or idle. K.A.R. 82-3-120(a)(2) provides that each licensee shall annually submit a completed license renewal form on or before the expiration date of the current license.

4. K.A.R. 82-3-120(k) provides that failure to obtain or renew an operator license before operating shall be punishable by a \$500 penalty.

5. K.A.R. 82-3-120(i) provides that denial of a license application pursuant to K.S.A. 55-155(c)(3) or (4) shall be considered a license revocation. K.S.A. 55-155(e) states that no new license shall be issued to any applicant who has had a license revoked until the expiration of one year from the date of such revocation.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

6. On August 30, 2024, Operator's license expired. Operator is responsible for the wells (Subject Wells) identified in Exhibit A.

7. On September 10, 2024, Commission Staff sent a letter to Operator, requiring Operator to renew the license, transfer the Subject Wells to another operator, or plug the Subject Wells, by September 24, 2024.<sup>1</sup> To date, Operator has not complied with Staff's letter.

8. On October 24, 2024, the Commission denied a license application filed by Operator. The application was denied pursuant to K.S.A. 55-155(c)(4).<sup>2</sup>

## **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

10. Operator has committed one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-120(a) because Operator remains responsible for the Subject Wells, and Operator's license is expired.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>2</sup> See Docket 25-CONS-3147-CMSC, Order Denying Application for License (Oct. 24, 2024)

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- A. Operator shall pay a \$500 penalty.
- B. Operator shall immediately shut-in all unplugged wells on its license, and cease oil and gas operations, until Operator is in compliance with this Order.
- C. Operator has 30 days from the date of this Order to:
  - a. Transfer the Subject Wells to another operator by filing the appropriate forms with the Commission; or
  - b. Plug the Subject Wells.
- D. If any unplugged wells remain on Operator's expired license after 60 days from the date of this Order, then:
  - a. Operator shall pay an additional \$5,000 penalty;
  - b. Staff shall revoke any injection authorizations applicable to Operator; and
  - c. Staff is directed to place the wells on the appropriate state plugging list, to plug according to priority and as funds allow, and to assess the plugging costs to Operator. This shall not preclude Staff from investigating additional potentially responsible parties.
- E. Operator 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, to the Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order. A request for hearing must comply with K.A.R. 82-1-219.
- F. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Operator's right to a hearing. If no party timely requests a hearing, then this Order shall become final. If Operator is not in compliance with this Order and the Order is final, then Operator's license shall be

suspended without further notice, shall remain suspended until Operator complies, and Staff may seal the wells on Operator's license until Operator is in compliance. The notice and opportunity for a hearing on this Order shall constitute the notice required by K.S.A. 77-512 regarding license suspension. A party may petition for reconsideration of a final order pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>3</sup>

G. Credit card payments may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200. 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. Payments must reference the docket number of this proceeding.

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 12/24/2024



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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

Mailed Date: 12/24/2024

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<sup>3</sup> See K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 55-707; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Sept. 10, 2024

Michael J Hopson  
Satchell Creek Petroleum, LLC  
3032 N CORTINA STREET  
WICHITA, KS 67205-7536

### **Re: Unplugged Well(s) on Expired License #35970**

Operator:

Unplugged well(s) are on your expired license, **which violates K.A.R. 82-3-120**. Attached is a list of the unplugged well(s). Please do one of the following:

- Renew your license, or obtain a new license and transfer the well(s) to that license,
- Transfer the well(s) to another operator by filing T-1 forms with the Commission, or
- File Well Plugging Application (CP-1) form(s) and plug the well(s).

**Your deadline is Sept. 24, 2024.**

If you do not correct this violation, I will recommend a Commission Order with a \$500 penalty. The Order would also require you to plug the well(s) within 60 days. Failure to comply with the Order would automatically result in the Commission levying additional penalties against you, directing Staff to plug the wells, and assessing plugging costs to you.

You must immediately shut-in all wells and cease oil and gas operations until compliance is achieved.

For help renewing or obtaining a license, contact Nancy Borst at 316-337-6200.

For help transferring wells, contact Deanna Garrison at 316-337-6209.

For help with CP-1 forms, contact CeLena Peterson at 316-337-6035.

If you have further questions, you may contact me by calling our main number at the top of this letter.

Sincerely,

Nancy D. Borst  
Licensing Department

# Exhibit A

## Satchell Creek Petroleum, LLC License: 35970

<u>Unplugged Wells on Operator's License</u>				
API Well #	Lease Name / Well #	Well Location	County	
15-015-24169-00-00	PLACE A-26	26-25S-7E, SWSENWSW	BUTLER	
15-015-24174-00-00	LIGGETT A-1	34-25S-7E, SENWSENE	BUTLER	
15-015-24179-00-00	PLACE A1-23	23-25S-7E, SWNESESE	BUTLER	
15-015-24181-00-00	MASTERS A1-23	23-25S-7E, NENENE	BUTLER	
15-015-24194-00-00	BELL A1-31	31-24S-8E, N2	BUTLER	
15-015-24198-00-00	BELL A 2-31	31-24S-8E, NW	BUTLER	
15-015-24205-00-01	BELL A 3-31	31-24S-8E, N2	BUTLER	
15-015-30078-00-00	ZIMMERMAN 1	11-25S-7E, NENESE	BUTLER	
15-015-30096-00-02	ZIMMERMAN 3	11-25S-7E, NESESE	BUTLER	
15-015-30197-00-00	ZIMMERMAN 2	11-25S-7E, SWNESE	BUTLER	
15-015-30198-00-00	ZIMMERMAN 6	11-25S-7E, SWNWSE	BUTLER	
15-015-30202-00-00	ZIMMERMAN 7	11-25S-7E, NENWSE	BUTLER	
15-015-30408-00-00	ZIMMERMAN 9	11-25S-7E, NESWSE	BUTLER	
15-051-25273-00-00	SCHMIDT 1	1-13S-17W, W2SWNENE	ELLIS	
15-051-27050-00-00	CATHEDRAL A-2	11-13S-17W, NWSENENE	ELLIS	
15-051-27053-00-00	CATHEDRAL A-3	11-13S-17W, E2NWNENE	ELLIS	
15-065-22347-00-00	WORCESTER 1	22-7S-22W, SESWSW	GRAHAM	
15-065-23711-00-00	LC WORCESTER 1	22-7S-22W, SWNESWNW	GRAHAM	
15-065-24228-00-00	WORCESTER A 1-21	21-7S-22W, SWSWNWNE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24230-00-00	WORCESTER A 1-28	28-7S-22W, NESENWSE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24231-00-00	WORCESTER A 3-21	21-7S-22W, NESESESE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24232-00-00	WORCESTER A 4-21	21-7S-22W, NENESWNE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24233-00-00	WORCESTER A 2-21	21-7S-22W, SENENENE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24234-00-00	WORCESTER A 5-21	21-7S-22W, SENENWNE	GRAHAM	
15-065-24236-00-01	WORCESTER A2-28	28-7S-22W, SENESWNW	GRAHAM	
15-065-24237-00-00	WORCESTER A 1-22	22-7S-22W, W2NWNESW	GRAHAM	
15-065-24238-00-00	WORCESTER A3-28	28-7S-22W, NESWSENW	GRAHAM	

15-065-24247-00-00	WORCESTER	A5-28	28-7S-22W, SENWSWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24250-00-00	WORCESTER	A6-21	21-7S-22W, NESWNWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24251-00-00	WORCESTER	A2-22	22-7S-22W, NWNWSESW	GRAHAM
15-065-24256-00-00	WORCESTER A	7-21	21-7S-22W, SWNESWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24257-00-00	WORCESTER A	4-22	22-7S-22W, NESWNWSW	GRAHAM
15-065-24258-00-00	WORCESTER A	5-22	22-7S-22W, E2NWNWSW	GRAHAM
15-065-24259-00-00	WORCESTER A	6-22	22-7S-22W, NWSESWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24261-00-00	WORCESTER A	6-28	28-7S-22W, SWNENWNE	GRAHAM
15-065-24264-00-00	WORCESTER A	10-21	21-7S-22W, NWNESWSE	GRAHAM
15-065-24265-00-00	WORCESTER	A9-21	21-7S-22W, NENESESW	GRAHAM
15-065-24266-00-00	WORCESTER	A8-21	21-7S-22W, SESWSWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24267-00-00	WORCESTER	A11-21	21-7S-22W, SWNWESE	GRAHAM
15-065-24268-00-00	WORCESTER	A 12-21	21-7S-22W, SWSENESE	GRAHAM
15-065-24269-00-00	WORCESTER	A 1-34	34-6S-22W, NESESWSE	GRAHAM
15-065-24270-00-00	BELLERIVE	A1-29	29-10S-25W, SWNENWNE	GRAHAM
15-065-24271-00-00	HOBBS	A1-28	28-10S-25W, SENWSENE	GRAHAM
15-065-24272-00-00	HOBBS	A1-34	34-10S-25W, SWNWNENW	GRAHAM
15-065-24281-00-00	HOBBS	A 4-34	34-10S-25W, SESEENW	GRAHAM
15-065-24282-00-00	HOBBS	A 2-34	34-10S-25W, NWNESWNE	GRAHAM
15-065-24283-00-00	HOBBS	A 3-34	34-10S-25W, SESWNENW	GRAHAM
15-065-24286-00-00	TRIPLE TIME	A 1-27	27-10S-25W, NWSWNESE	GRAHAM
15-065-24287-00-00	HOBBS	A 5-34	34-10S-25W, SESWNWNE	GRAHAM
15-065-24288-00-00	HOBBS	A 6-34	34-10S-25W, SWNWSWNE	GRAHAM
15-065-24291-00-00	HOBBS	A 7-34	34-10S-25W, NWNESWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24293-00-00	HOBBS	A 10-34	34-10S-25W, NWNESENE	GRAHAM
15-065-24294-00-00	HOBBS	A 8-34	34-10S-25W, SESWNWNW	GRAHAM
15-065-24300-00-00	KNOLL CIRCLE K FARMS	1-26	26-10S-25W, SENESWSE	GRAHAM

**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 12/24/2024.

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