

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

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

In the matter of the failure of Parwest Land ) Docket No.: 17-CONS-3141-CPEN  
Exploration, Inc. ("Operator") to comply with )  
K.A.R. 82-3-407 at the Big Basin #3 in Clark ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
County, Kansas. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) License No.: 35312

**ORDER CANCELLING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND CLOSING DOCKET**

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

1. On October 11, 2016, the Commission issued a Penalty Order in this docket, ordering Operator to pay a \$1,000 penalty and plug its Big Basin #3 well.<sup>1</sup>
2. On November 7, 2016, Operator filed its request for a hearing in this matter.
3. On December 13, 2016, the Commission issued its *Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference*, wherein the Commission scheduled a Prehearing Conference in this matter for December 22, 2016.
4. On December 19, 2016, Operator informed Commission Staff Litigation Counsel by letter that it "no longer has a KS attorney and is withdrawing the hearing request for the Big Basin #3 well."<sup>2</sup> Operator has also paid the \$1,000 penalty ordered in the aforementioned Penalty Order,<sup>3</sup> and Staff has confirmed that the Big Basin #3 well has been plugged.

<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 17-CONS-3141-CPEN, *Penalty Order*, Ordering Clauses A & B, p. 3 (Oct. 11, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Richard R. Donofrio, Parwest Land Exploration, Inc. to Mr. Jon Myers, Commission Litigation Counsel, RE: Parwest Withdrawal of Request for Hearing (Dec. 16, 2016).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

5. Based on Operator's compliance with the Commission's Penalty Order in this docket, the Commission finds this matter is appropriately resolved, and the docket should be closed.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The Prehearing Conference scheduled for December 22, 2016, is cancelled, and the docket is closed.

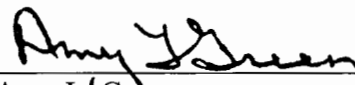
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if mailed service, from the date this Order was served in which to petition for reconsideration.<sup>4</sup>

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

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

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: JAN 05 2017

  
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Amy L. Green  
Secretary to the Commission

Date Mailed: January 5, 2017

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<sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 1/5/17, 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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/s/ Paula J. Murray  
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Kansas Corporation Commission