THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Susan K. Duffy, Chair Shari Feist Albrecht Dwight D. Keen

In the matter of the failure of Prairie Gas)
Operating, LLC ("Operator") to comply with)
K.A.R. 82-3-111 at the Watson Farms #1,)
Conservation Division

Monroe #2-4H, and Fecht D #1 in Greeley)
County, Kansas.

Docket No: 20-CONS-3220-CPEN

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No: 35442

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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 February 13, 2020, the Commission issued a *Penalty Order* against Prairie Gas Operating, LLC (Operator) for three violations of K.A.R. 82-3-111 because three wells had been inactive in excess of the time allowed by regulation without being plugged, returned to service, or approved for temporary abandonment status.¹ On March 13, 2020, Operator requested a hearing.²
- · 2. At a May 28, 2020, prehearing conference, all parties agreed to the following procedural schedule:

Commission Staff Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
Operator Pre-Filed Direct & Rebuttal Testimony
Commission Staff Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
Due: June 22, 2020
Due: June 29, 2020
Due: July 8, 2020

Deadline to Submit Any Settlement for Consideration: July 8, 2020

Evidentiary Hearing before the Commission: To Be Determined

¹ See Penalty Order, ¶¶ 6, 12 (Feb. 13, 2020).

² See Written Request for Hearing (Mar. 13, 2020).

3. The Prehearing Officer shall be in communication with the parties regarding further

development of the procedural schedule, including scheduling of the evidentiary hearing.

4. Failure to submit pre-filed testimony may result in the Commission restricting the

right to testify and present evidence at the evidentiary hearing. At the hearing, the Commission may

limit the parties' direct and rebuttal testimony to the pre-filed testimony.

5. Any person requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities

Act should notify the Commission at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing date.

6. Any party who fails to attend or participate in the evidentiary hearing or any other

stage of this proceeding may be held in default under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.³

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

THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

The procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 2 above is adopted.

BY THE PREHEARING OFFICER IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 4, 2020

<u>|s| Jonathan R. Myers</u>

Jonathan R. Myers Prehearing Officer

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³ K.S.A. 77-518(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

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

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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	06/04/2020	_	•	

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