

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

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

In the Matter of the Failure of Kephart)	Docket No: 18-CONS-3067-CPEN
Gas Production, a General Partnership)	
("Operator") to comply with K.A.R.)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
82-3-120.)	
)	License No: 4995

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

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

1. On August 3, 2017, Commission Staff (Staff) issued a Notice of Penalty Assessment to Kephart Gas Production (Operator), stating that Operator's license had expired and an unplugged well, or unplugged wells, remain on Operator's expired license in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-120.¹
2. On August 21, 2017, Operator timely filed a request for hearing in this matter.
3. On September 12, 2017, Notice of Receipt of Request for Hearing was sent to the Operator by the Commission Conservation Division.
4. 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 a Prehearing Conference should be scheduled.
5. Although a Prehearing Officer is designated in this docket, parties are still required to file pleadings with the Commission, and filings shall be made with the Commission's

¹ Penalty Order – Kephart Gas Production, a General Partnership (Aug. 3, 2017).

Docket Room before 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service. Any electronic service received after the deadline set forth in the procedural schedule, or any filing made after 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service, shall be accompanied by a Motion to File Out-of-Time.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Samuel Feather, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas, 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3240, email address s.feather@kcc.ks.gov. The Commission may designate other Staff members to serve in this capacity.

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for **Monday, October 23, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN: 7632914771#.

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 may be held in default under the KAPA.²

E. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.³

F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Joshua D. Wright, Litigation Counsel, telephone number (316) 337-6217, j.wright@kcc.ks.gov.

² K.S.A. 77-506; K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7)-(8).

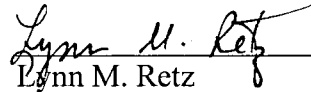
³ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

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.

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: SEP 19 2017



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Date Mailed: September 19, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 9/19/17, 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:

Jeff Kephart
Kephart Gas Production, a General Partnership
4230 Douglas Road
Thayer, KS 66776

and delivered by e-mail to:

Joshua D. Wright, Litigation Counsel
KCC Wichita Central Office

Samuel Feather, Deputy General Counsel
KCC Topeka Office

/s/ Paula J. Murray
Paula J. Murray
Legal Assistant
Kansas Corporation Commission