

**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 Addressing the COVID-19 )  
pandemic in the State of Kansas. ) Docket No. 20-GIMX-393-MIS

**EMERGENCY ORDER STAYING ALL DOCKETS**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the public record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On March 12, 2020, Governor Kelly issued an emergency declaration for the State of Kansas in response to COVID-19, authorizing the use of state resources and personnel to assist with response and recovery operations in affected counties.

2. In her State of Emergency Proclamation, Governor Kelly declared:

I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the order or rules and regulations of any state agency which implements such statute, if strict compliance with the provisions of such statutes, order or rule and regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay in any way necessary action in coping with the disaster as set forth in KSA 48-925(c)(1).

3. On March 17, 2020, Governor Kelly ordered the State government shut down from March 23, 2020 through April 6, 2020. As a result of both proclamations, during the government closure, the Commission exercises its emergency powers under K.S.A. 77-536(b) to stay all open dockets and suspend all deadlines in all open Commission dockets.

4. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536(d), this order is effective immediately. The stay and suspension of deadlines will remain in effect until the state government shutdown is lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise.

5. This directive applies to all electrical, natural gas, water, and telecommunications utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and all open transportation and conservation dockets.

6. The Commission will not accept any new filings or applications from utilities or affecting utilities during the government closure. The Commission will issue an order directing when such new filings or applications will be accepted.

7. The Conservation Division may on a mission critical and public interest and safety basis utilize available human resources to respond to time-sensitive environmental and pollution events or risks and timely process intent-to-drill requests and well plugging application requests.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536, the Commission stays all open dockets and suspends all statutory deadlines in open dockets until the state government shutdown is lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise.

B. This Order is being served by electronic means, posted on the Commission's website, [www.kcc.ks.gov](http://www.kcc.ks.gov), and the Kansas Public Square website, [publicsquare.ks.gov](http://publicsquare.ks.gov). Based on the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation, the Commission believes these methods of service are appropriate under these unprecedented circumstances.

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter further orders as it deems necessary.

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

Duffy, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 03/19/2020



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