

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

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

In the matter of an Order to Show Cause    ) Docket No. 18-CONS-3091-CSHO  
issued to Bill J. Pickett (“Operator”)    )  
regarding responsibility under K.S.A. 55-179 ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
for unplugged wells on an expired license. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) License No. 8019

**ORDER CLOSING DOCKET**

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the pleadings and record, and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On October 24, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference* (Show Cause Order), scheduling a Prehearing Conference for November 14, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

2. On November 9, 2017, Commission Conservation Staff (Staff) filed a Motion asking the Commission to reschedule the Prehearing Conference to the first full week in February because Staff believed resolution of this matter could be achieved without a hearing.<sup>2</sup>

3. On November 15, 2017, the Prehearing Conference was rescheduled for February 8, 2018.<sup>3</sup>

4. On February 8, 2018, a Prehearing Conference was held, wherein Staff indicated that the wells at issue had been plugged and recommended that the Commission take no action until such time as Staff could update the plugging records.

<sup>1</sup> Show Cause Order, Ordering Clause C (Oct. 24, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference, p. 1 (Nov. 9, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> *Prehearing Officer Order Continuing Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause A (Nov. 15, 2017).

5. On February 19, 2018, Staff filed a Motion to Close Docket, confirming that “[i]n early February 2018, Operator plugged the three wells remaining on Operator’s license. Thus, Operator has satisfactorily resolved all issues” in this matter.<sup>4</sup> Staff requested that the Commission close the docket.<sup>5</sup>

6. Based on Staff’s confirmation that the Operator has plugged the wells remaining on the Operator’s license, the Commission finds that all remaining issues in the docket have been resolved, and the docket should be closed.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. This docket is closed.

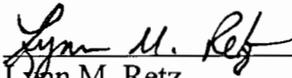
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if mailed service, in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>6</sup>

C. 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.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated:     MAR 06 2018    

  
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Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date:     MAR 07 2018    

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<sup>4</sup> Motion to Close Docket, ¶ 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*, p. 1.

<sup>6</sup> K.S.A. 55-162; 55-606; K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on MAR 06 2018, 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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DeeAnn Shupe, KCC Docket Room

**Order Mailed Date**

**MAR 07 2018**