

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

Before Commissioners:                    Andrew J. French, Chairperson  
   Dwight D. Keen  
   Annie Kuether

In the matter of Jason Nickell's responsibility ) Docket No: 25-CONS-3307-CMSC  
pursuant to K.S.A. 55-179 for the abandoned Nickell )  
#OW-1 well, located in Section 21, Township 20 ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
South, Range 22 East, Linn County, Kansas. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) License No: N/A

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

The Commission rules as follows:

1. On March 12, 2025, Commission Staff motioned for the designation of a presiding officer and the setting of a prehearing conference in this matter, alleging Jason Nickell to be responsible for the captioned well.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Nickell has not responded.
2. The purpose of this docket shall be to consider whether Jason Nickell is responsible for the captioned well under K.S.A. 55-179, and what actions he should be obligated to undertake regarding the well. Under K.S.A. 77-551(c), the Commission finds a Presiding Officer should be designated in this proceeding to determine procedural matters that may arise prior to a hearing on the merits, including but not limited to conducting prehearing conferences.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Commission finds a prehearing conference should be scheduled.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The Presiding Officer for prehearing matters in this proceeding shall be Jonathan R. Myers, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main Street, Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas, 67202-1513, telephone number (316) 337-6245, email address jon.myers@ks.gov. The Commission may designate others to serve in this capacity.

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<sup>1</sup> API #15-107-02051.

<sup>2</sup> See also K.S.A. 77-516 and K.S.A. 77-517.

B. A prehearing conference is scheduled for **Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number (253) 205-0468, Meeting ID 5248125436.<sup>3</sup>

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. 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.<sup>4</sup>

D. Although a presiding officer is designated, parties are still required to file pleadings with the Commission, and filings shall be made with the Commission's docket room. Any filing received after 5:00 p.m. shall be considered filed the next business day. In addition, any late filing shall be accompanied by a Motion to File Out-of-Time. **The Commission directs electronic service of all filings in the docket to include service on the Presiding Officer and mailed service of all filings to be directed to the Presiding Officer's attention.**

E. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Kelcey Marsh, Litigation Counsel, telephone number (316) 337-6200, kelcey.marsh@ks.gov.

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 04/03/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker  
Executive Director

Mailed Date: 04/03/2025

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<sup>3</sup> If prompted, there is no Participant ID; just press pound to continue.

<sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 77-506; K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7)-(8).

## **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 04/03/2025.

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