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## NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT 15-CONS-052-CPEN

This is a notice of a penalty assessment for violation of Kansas oil and gas conservation statutes, rules, and regulations. For a full description of the penalty and process please refer to the Penalty Order that is attached to this notice.

### **IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY:**

The Penalty Order may include the assessment of a monetary penalty. You have 30 days from the service date of this Penalty Order to pay \$1000. Check or money order must be made payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission. Payment is to be mailed to the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission at 130 S. Market St., Room 2078, Wichita, Kansas 67202, and must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Credit card payment may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.

The Penalty Order may require you to perform certain actions by deadlines stated therein. Compliance must be obtained by the applicable deadlines to avoid further compliance actions. If you have any questions about how compliance can be obtained, you may contact the legal department or the appropriate department or district office.

### **IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY:**

You have the right to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be made in writing, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. Respondent must submit an original and seven copies of the request to the Commission's Executive Director at 130 S. Market, Room 2078, Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 30 days, plus three days to account for the mail, from the mailed date on the last page of the Penalty Order. K.A.R. 82-1-215.

### **IF YOU FAIL TO ACT:**

Failure to either comply with the penalty order or request a hearing will result in the attached Penalty Order becoming a Final Order. Failure to comply or request a hearing by the deadlines in the Penalty Order may result in additional sanctions, including additional monetary penalties, the suspension of your oil and gas operating license, and the shutting-in of all operations until compliance is obtained.

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

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

In the matter of the failure of Steve A. Becker	)	Docket No.: 15-CONS-052-CPEN
dba A & A Well Service ("Operator") to	)	
comply with K.A.R. 82-3-400 at the Daniels	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
#35 well in Allen County, Kansas.	)	
<hr/>		License No.: 31813

**PENALTY ORDER**

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas. Having examined the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1.        K.S.A. 74-623 provides that the Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities. K.S.A. 55-152 provides that the Commission has jurisdiction to regulate the construction, operation, and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from any well. The Commission has licensing authority pursuant to K.S.A. 55-155.

2.        K.S.A. 55-162 and K.S.A. 55-164 provide the Commission with authority to issue a Penalty Order regarding a violation of Chapter 55 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or of any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission. A Penalty Order may include a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000, and each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate violation.

3.        K.A.R. 82-3-400 provides that the penalty for unauthorized injection shall be \$1,000 for first-time violators, \$5,000 for second-time violators, and \$10,000 and operator license review for third-time violators.

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

4. Operator is responsible for the care and control of the well listed in Exhibit A. Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated into this Order, shall serve as the concise and explicit statement of facts required by K.S.A. 77-526.

5. As described in Exhibit A, Operator conducted unauthorized injection at the subject well.

## **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6. The Commission concludes that it has jurisdiction over Operator and this matter under K.S.A. 55-623, K.S.A. 55-152, and K.S.A. 55-155.

7. The above findings of fact are sufficient evidence to support the conclusion that Operator committed one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-400 because Operator conducted unauthorized injection at the subject well.

### **THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Operator shall pay a \$1,000 penalty.

B. If no party requests a hearing, and Operator is not in compliance with this Order within 30 days, then Operator's license shall be suspended without further notice. The notice and opportunity for a hearing on this order shall constitute the notice required by K.S.A. 77-512 regarding license suspension. The Commission may impose further sanctions, including additional monetary penalties and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

C. Checks and money orders shall be payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission. For credit card payments, include the type of card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express), account number, and expiration date. Payments shall be mailed to the

Kansas Corporation Commission at 130 S. Market, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding.

D. Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-164, K.S.A. 77-537, and K.S.A. 77-542, setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission's Executive Director, at 130 S. Market, Room 2078, Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order. Hearings will be scheduled only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Operator's right to a hearing.

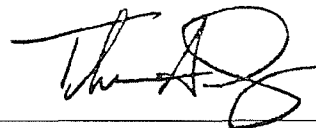
E. If a party requests a hearing, a corporation or similar entity shall not be permitted to enter an appearance except by its attorney. Attorneys for all parties shall enter their appearances in Commission proceedings by giving their names and addresses for the record.

F. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the purpose of entering such further order or orders as it may deem necessary.

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

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Com.; Apple, Com.

Dated: JUL 22 2014



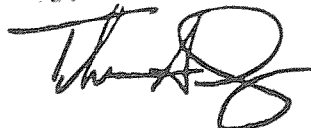
Thomas A. Day  
Acting Executive Director

Mailed Date: 8/13/14

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I CERTIFY THE ORIGINAL  
COPY IS ON FILE WITH  
The State Corporation Commission

JUL 22 2014



## PENALTY ORDER RECOMMENDATION

**\*\*\*ROUTINE UNAUTHORIZED INJECTION VIOLATION\*\*\***  
**Over-Pressurization**

*Note: this sheet will be attached to the Order that is mailed to the operator.*

<b>Date of Recommendation:</b>	July 14, 2014
<b>District/Department:</b>	Underground Injection Control
<b>Person Recommending Penalty:</b>	Sanita Dean
<b>Operator Name:</b>	Becker, Steve A.
<b>Operator License Number:</b>	31813
<b>Well/Lease Name &amp; Well Number:</b>	DANIELS #35
<b>Well/Lease Location, and County:</b>	10-26S-21E, ALLEN County
<b>UIC Permit Number:</b>	E20952.19
<b>Regulation Number:</b>	K.A.R. 82-3-400
<b>Description of Violation:</b>	Unauthorized Injection in 2013
<b>Nature of Unauthorized Injection</b>	In its Annual Injection Report, Operator reported Over-Pressurization at the subject well.
<b>Maximum Pressure Reported in 2013, Per Operator's Annual Injection Report (pounds per square inch):</b>	595
<b>Maximum Pressure Allowed, Per UIC Permit (pounds per square inch):</b>	500
<b>Requested Monetary Penalty:</b>	\$1,000
<b>Requested Operator Activity:</b>	Pay Monetary Penalty.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 8/13/14, 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:

Steve A. Becker dba A & A Well Service  
4500 Connecticut Road  
Elsmore, KS 66732

/s/ Jonathan R. Myers  
Jonathan R. Myers  
Litigation Counsel  
Kansas Corporation Commission