

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Midstates Energy Operating, LLC to authorize injection of saltwater into the Squirrel formation at the Thrasher Wells #I-4 and #I-3, and to increase the injection pressure on all wells encompassed by Permit E-31965, located in Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 20 East, Douglas County, Kansas.)	Docket No: 19-CONS-3173-CUIC
)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
)	License No: 35503

**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 the following:

1. On October 19, 2018, Midstates Energy Operating, LLC (Operator) filed an Application to authorize injection of saltwater into the Squirrel formation at the Thrasher Wells #I-4 and #I-3, and to increase the injection pressure on all wells encompassed by Permit E-31965, located in Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 20 East, Douglas County, Kansas.¹ On the same date, an Affidavit in Proof of Publication was filed stating that publication notice regarding the Application was properly made in the Lawrence Daily Journal-World on October 16, 2018.²

2. Protests have been filed in the docket by James and Patricia Bondurant, Karin Pagel-Meiners, Judith L. Wells and Richard Bettinger.³

¹ Application, p. 1 (Oct. 19, 2018).

² Affidavit of Publication – The Lawrence Daily Journal-World (Oct. 19, 2018).

³ Letter of Protest-James and Patricia Bondurant (Nov. 7, 2018); Letter of Protest and Request for Hearing-Karin Pagel-Meiners (Nov. 13, 2018); Letter of Protest and Request for Hearing-Judith L. Wells (Nov. 13, 2018); Letter of Protest and Request for Hearing-Richard Bettinger (Nov. 13, 2018).

3. 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.

4. Although a Prehearing Officer is designated, parties are still required to file pleadings with the Commission, and filings shall be made with the Commission's 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 Michael J. Duenes, Assistant General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas, 66604-4027, telephone number (785) 271-3181, email address m.duenes@kcc.ks.gov. The Commission may designate other Staff members to serve in this capacity. **The Commission directs electronic service of all filings in the docket to include service on the Prehearing Officer and mailed service of all filings to be directed to the Prehearing Officer's attention.**

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 11:00 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.⁴

E. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.⁵


F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Lauren Wright, Litigation Counsel, telephone number (316) 337-6200, l.wright@kcc.ks.gov.

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.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 11/29/2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: 11/30/2018

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⁴ K.S.A. 77-506; K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7)-(8).

⁵ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail and electronic service on 11/29/2018.

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