

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

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

In the matter of an Order to Show Cause ) Docket No: 17-CONS-3240-CSHO  
issued to Gerald E. Williams ("Operator") )  
regarding responsibility under K.S.A. 55-179 ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
for unplugged wells on an expired license. )  
\_\_\_\_\_ ) License No.: 5095

**ORDER CANCELLING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND CLOSING DOCKET**

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 and concludes as follows:

1. On January 12, 2017, the Commission issued in this docket an *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference*. The Order scheduled a Prehearing Conference for February 9, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

2. On February 9, 2017, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a Motion to Cancel [the] Prehearing Conference and Close [the] Docket. Staff's Motion noted that Commission records indicated unplugged wells remained on Operator's expired license. The Motion further noted Staff's determination that Mr. Williams is deceased. Staff stated it would not be useful to pursue this matter further, and the remaining issues can be addressed by Staff administratively. Thus, Staff asked that the Prehearing Conference be cancelled and the docket be closed.

3. Based on Staff's confirmation that Mr. Williams is deceased, and the remaining issues can be addressed by Staff administratively, the Commission agrees that this docket should be closed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause B (Jan. 12, 2017).

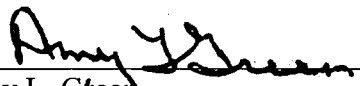
**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

- A. The Prehearing Conference is hereby cancelled, and the docket is closed.
- B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if mailed service, from the date this Order was served in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.<sup>2</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.**

Apple, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Emler, Commissioner

Dated: FEB 23 2017

  
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Amy L. Green  
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: February 23, 2017

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on 2/23/17, 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:

Estate of Gerald E. Williams  
43 Coventry Court  
Prairie Village, KS 66208

and delivered by e-mail to:

Michael Duenes, Assistant General Counsel  
KCC Topeka Office

/s/ Paula J. Murray  
Paula J. Murray  
Legal Assistant  
Kansas Corporation Commission