

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

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

In the matter of the application of Eastern) Docket No: 18-CONS-3112-CVAC
Kansas Operating, LLC, for authorization to)
impose a vacuum on its Someday Lease) CONSERVATION DIVISION
located in Section 12, Township 16 South,)
Range 24 East, Miami County, Kansas.) License No. 34971

**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 and concludes as follows:

1. On August 21, 2017, Eastern Kansas Operating, LLC (Operator) filed an Application seeking authorization to install a vacuum on two wells on its Someday Lease.
2. On October 2, 2017, Commission Conservation Staff (Staff) filed a Motion for the Designation of a Prehearing Officer and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-551(c), 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 in this docket, 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.

5. The Commission requests the parties consent to electronic service in this proceeding by emailing the Prehearing Officer to affirm your consent.

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.

B. A Prehearing Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN: 7632914771#.

C. Subsequent to the above-scheduled Prehearing Conference, status conferences shall be held in this docket every 30 days until such time as a hearing is conducted or a settlement approved.

D. 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.

E. 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.¹

F. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.²

¹ K.S.A. 77-506; K.S.A. 77-516(c)(7)-(8).

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

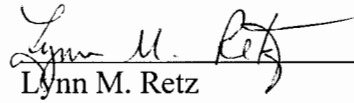
G. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Jon Myers, Litigation Counsel, telephone number (316) 337-6217, j.myers@kcc.ks.gov.

H. 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: OCT 10 2017



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: October 10, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 10, 2017, 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:

Jeffrey Taylor
Eastern Kansas Operating, LLC
9532 E. Riggs Road
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

and delivered by e-mail to:

Jon Myers
Litigation Counsel

Michael Duenes
Assistant General Counsel

/s/ Cynthia K. Maine
Cynthia K. Maine
Administrative Assistant
Kansas Corporation Commission