

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Pantera) Docket No: 20-CONS-3110-CEXC
Energy Company for an Exception to the 10-)
Year Time Limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for) CONSERVATION DIVISION
its Stirrup Unit 19-2 Well Located in the SE/4)
of Section 34, Township 32 South, Range 40) License No: 35681
West, Morton County, Kansas.)

In the Matter of the Application of Pantera) Docket No: 20-CONS-3157-CEXC
Energy Company for an Exception to the 10-)
Year Time Limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for) CONSERVATION DIVISION
its Koenig A 4 Well Located in the SE/4 of)
Section 4, Township 29 South, Range 34 West,) License No: 35681
Haskell County, Kansas.)

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER CLOSING DOCKETS

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On October 11, 2019, Pantera Energy Company (Operator) filed an Application in Docket 20-CONS-3110-CEXC, requesting approval of an exception to the 10-year time limitation for temporary abandonment under K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Stirrup Unit #19-2 well.
2. On November 22, 2019, Operator filed an Application in Docket 20-CONS-3157-CEXC, requesting approval of an exception to the 10-year time limitation for temporary abandonment under K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Koenig A #4 well.
3. On February 18, 2020, Commission Staff filed motions in both dockets, stating that Staff does not recommend approval of the applications at this time, and requesting the assignment of a prehearing officer in anticipation of an evidentiary hearing.

4. On February 25, 2020, the Commission issued an *Order Consolidating Dockets, Designating Prehearing Officer, and Setting Prehearing Conference*, setting a March 10, 2020, prehearing conference.¹

5. On February 28, 2020, Operator submitted a filing in Docket 20-3110 to withdraw its application in Docket 20-3110. The same day, Operator submitted a filing in Docket 20-3157 to withdraw its application in Docket 20-3157.

6. The Prehearing Officer finds Operator's February 28, 2020, motions to be within the ambit of things a prehearing officer is allowed to rule upon.²

7. The Prehearing Officer notes Operator's motions violate the Commission's February 25, 2020, Order, which directed that each subsequent filing submitted for either of these consolidated dockets shall carry the caption of both dockets and shall be filed only in Docket 20-3110.³ Operator is urged to adhere to future Commission directives. Nevertheless, the Prehearing Officer sees no compelling reason to deny Operator's motions.

THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

- A. Operator's motions to withdraw its applications are granted.
- B. The prehearing conference scheduled for March 10, 2020, is cancelled.
- C. These consolidated dockets are closed.

BY THE PREHEARING OFFICER IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 3, 2020

/s/ Jonathan R. Myers
Jonathan R. Myers
Prehearing Officer

JRM

¹ See *Order Consolidating Dockets, Designating Prehearing Officer, and Setting Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause C (Feb. 25, 2020).

² See *id.*; see also K.S.A. 77-517(b), K.S.A. 77-551(c).

³ See *Order Consolidating Dockets, Designating Prehearing Officer, and Setting Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause A.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

20-CONS-3110-CEXC AND 20-CONS-3157-CEXC

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 03/03/2020.

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