

**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 Notice of Denial of) Docket No: 17-CONS-3475-CMSC
License Application Issued to Ernie D. Pratt.)
) CONSERVATION DIVISION
)
) License No.: 35165

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER STAYING THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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 June 13, 2017, the Commission issued in this docket its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, requiring Commission Conservation Staff (Staff) to file direct testimony by July 24, 2017.¹

2. On July 21, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and to Adjust Procedural Schedule (Motion), asking the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement attached to the Motion and to cancel the remaining procedural schedule in the docket.²

3. Because Staff's direct testimony is due the next business day after its Motion was filed, the Prehearing Officer finds it appropriate to stay the procedural schedule in this docket until the Commission can take up the matter of the Settlement Agreement.

¹ *Order Setting Procedural Schedule*, Ordering Clause A (June 13, 2017).

² Motion, p. 2.

THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

- A. The procedural schedule in this docket is stayed.
- B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order to petition for reconsideration.³
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

Dated: July 24, 2017

/s/ *Michael J. Duenes*
Michael J. Duenes
Prehearing Officer

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³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(l).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 7/24/17, 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:

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