

**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 issued) Docket No: 18-CONS-3102-CSHO
to Midwest Energy, a General Partnership)
("Operator") regarding responsibility under) CONSERVATION DIVISION
K.S.A. 55-179 for unplugged wells on an)
expired license.) License No. 8835

ORDER 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 October 24, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference*, setting a November 14, 2017, Prehearing Conference,¹ which was subsequently continued to January 16, 2018, via a Prehearing Officer Order.²

2. On December 7, 2017, Commission Conservation Staff (Staff) filed a Motion to Close Docket, wherein Staff stated its determination "that the [persons comprising the general partnership] do not have the funds to plug any wells, are unlikely to ever obtain such funds, and that further prosecution of this matter would not be a prudent use of state resources."³

3. The Commission accepts Staff's conclusion that all remaining issues regarding the well currently on Operator's license can be handled administratively, without further formal proceedings, and therefore finds this docket should be closed.⁴

¹ *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause C (Oct. 24, 2017).

² *Prehearing Officer Order Rescheduling Prehearing Conference*, Ordering Clause A (Nov. 15, 2017).

³ Motion to Close Docket, ¶ 3 (Dec. 7, 2017).

⁴ *Id.*, ¶ 4.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. This docket is closed.

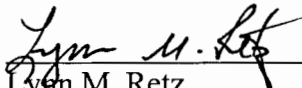
B. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if mailed service, in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.⁵

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: DEC 21 2017


Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: DEC 22 2017

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⁵ K.S.A. 55-162; 55-606; K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on DEC 21 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:

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