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NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT 19-CONS-3395-CPEN

June 11, 2019

Rod A. Phares Great Plains Petroleum, Inc. 221 Circle Drive Wichita, KS 67218-1207

This is a notice of a penalty assessment for violation(s) of Kansas Oil and Gas Conservation Statutes, Rules, and Regulations. For a full description of the penalty and process please refer to the Penalty Order that is attached to this notice.

IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY:

You have been assessed a \$1,000 penalty. You have 30 days from the service date of this Penalty Order to pay the fine amount. Check or money order must be made payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission and mailed to the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Payment by credit card may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.

IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY:

You have the right to request a hearing. A written request for hearing must be made within 30 days after service of the Penalty Order setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought. Respondent must submit the request to the Commission, at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The Commission shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act within 30 days after receipt of such request. K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-542; K.A.R. 82-1-215.

IF YOU FAIL TO ACT:

Failure to pay the fine amount, or in the alternative, provide a written request for a hearing, within thirty (30) days of service of the Penalty Order, will result in the attached Penalty Order becoming a Final Order and may result in additional sanctions, including additional monetary penalties, the suspension of your oil and gas operating license, and the shutting-in of all operations until compliance is obtained. K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-537.

Respectfully,

Lauren N. Wright Litigation Counsel 316-337-6200

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Sh	wight D. Keen, Chair ari Feist Albrecht asan K. Duffy
In the matter of the failure of Great Plain	,
Petroleum, Inc. ("Operator") to comply	with)
K.A.R. 82-3-408 at the Stumps #4 well	in) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Rarton County Kansas)

PENALTY ORDER

License No.: 30163

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas. Having examined the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

- 1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.¹ The Commission has jurisdiction to regulate the "construction, operation, and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from any well." Every operator conducting oil and gas activity in Kansas must be licensed by the Commission.³
- 2. The Commission has the authority to issue a Penalty Order for violation of any provision of K.S.A. 55-101 *et seq.*, rule, regulation, or order of the Commission.⁴ The Commission shall take appropriate action which may include, but not be limited to, imposing a monetary penalty "not to exceed \$10,000, which shall constitute an actual and substantial

² K.S.A. 55-152.

¹ K.S.A. 74-623.

³ K.S.A. 55-155.

⁴ K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-164.

economic deterrent to the violation for which the penalty is assessed."⁵ "In the case of a continuing violation, every day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation."⁶

3. Modifications of any injection well permit may be made only upon application to the conservation division.⁷ Failure to obtain conservation division approval of any modification to an existing injection well, other than modifications designated in K.A.R. 82-3-408(c), before resuming injection operations shall be punishable by a \$1,000 penalty.⁸

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 4. The Operator conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 30163.
- 5. The Operator is responsible for the care and control of the Stumps #4 ("the subject well"), API #15-009-19144-00-00, UIC Permit D-11,083, located in Section 3, Township 17 South, Range 12 West, Barton County, Kansas.
- 6. On September 14, 2018, the Operator conducted a mechanical integrity test (MIT) on the subject well.⁹ The MIT states, "In six months, the operator must plug, produce as an Arbuckle producer there-by cancelling docket or re-construct as a dual completed well."¹⁰
- 7. On September 19, 2018, Staff sent a notice of violation (NOV) letter to the Operator stating that a review of the MIT found that the subject well is not in compliance with the production tubing requirements as stated in the original injection permit.¹¹ The letter states that use of the subject well must be discontinued until it has been brought back into compliance

⁷ K.A.R. 82-3-408(b).

⁵ K.S.A. 55-164.

⁶ *Id*.

⁸ K.A.R. 82-3-408(d).

⁹ Exhibit A.

¹⁰ *Id*.

¹¹ Exhibit B.

and that failure to bring the subject well back into compliance by March 14, 2019, may result in formal enforcement action.¹²

- 8. On April 17, 2019, the Operator performed another MIT but was denied due to the well not being constructed or operated, as the original injection permit requires.¹³
- 9. To date, the Operator has not submitted an application for modification of injection permit D-11,083 as required by K.A.R. 82-3-408(b).

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Commission finds and concludes that it has jurisdiction over the Operator and 10. this matter under K.S.A. 55-152 and K.S.A. 74-623.
- 11. The Commission finds and concludes the Operator committed one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-408 because the subject well is not in compliance with injection permit D-11,083 and the Operator failed to apply for a modification of an injection well permit as required by K.A.R. 82-3-408(b).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- The Operator shall pay a \$1,000 penalty. Α.
- The Operator has 30 days from the date of this Order to: В.
 - a. Apply for a modification to injection permit D-11,083 using form U-8; or
 - b. Reconstruct the subject well and operated as permitted.
- C. If no party requests a hearing, and the Operator is not in compliance with this Order within 30 days from the date of service of this Order, then the Operator's license shall be suspended without further notice. The notice and opportunity for a hearing on this Order shall constitute the notice required by K.S.A. 77-512 regarding license suspension. The Commission

¹² *Id*.

¹³ Exhibit C.

may impose further sanctions, including additional monetary penalties and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

D. Checks and money orders shall be payable to the Kansas Corporation

Commission. Payments shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main

St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket

number of this proceeding. Credit card payments may be made by calling the Conservation

Division at 316-337-6200.

E. Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written

request, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-164, K.S.A. 77-537, and K.S.A. 77-542, setting forth the specific

grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita,

Kansas 67202, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order. Hearings will be scheduled

only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of

Operator's right to a hearing.

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

attorney.14

G. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties for the

purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: ______06/11/2019

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¹⁴ K.S.A. 77-515(c); K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2).

CASING MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST	DOCKET # 1)-11, 08 5
Disposal Well Enhanced Recovery: Repressuring Flood	SW SW NE, Sec 3, T 17 S, R 1Z E/W 2970 Feet from South Section Line 7310 Feet from East Section Line
Date injection startedAPI #15-00 - 19144	Lease Stumps Well # 4 County Beston
Operator: Great Plains Petroleum	Operator License # 30163 KCC
Name & 22 Circle cluive	Contact Person Rud Phores SEP 18 2018
wichila, KS 67218	Phone 316-685-3800 HAYS, KS
Max. Auth. Injection Press. Psi; Max Inj. Rat If Dual Completion — Injection above production — Conductor Surface Size — IC3/4 Set at — ITD — Southack — TD Packer type RANCOALED — Size — TD — Size	e
Zone of injection 3442 ft. to ft.	3502 Perf. or open hole open hole
Type MIT: Pressure: Radioactive Transport	Min. Set up 1 System Pres. during test
T Tested: Casing or Casing - Tubing And And The bottom of the tested zone in shut in with	Completed well. Per order of Rene, Stucky of
Test Date 4/14/2018 Using Shone!	Stenk Service Company's Equipment
The operator hereby certifies that the zone between was the zone tested Signature	feet and 3293 feet (SO) 9(14/18 Title
The results were Satisfactory, Marginal, State Agent: Chris Necky Title REMARKS:	
Orgin. Conservation Div.: KDHE	/T: Dist. Office
Computer Update <u>Is there Chemical Sea</u>	lant or a Mechanical Casing patch in the annular space? (Y/N) (If YES please describe in REMARKS) KCC Form U-7 Exhibit A

STATE OF KANSAS

CORPORATION COMMISSION CONSERVATION DIVISION DISTRICT OFFICE No. 4 2301 E. 13th Street Hays, KS 67601-2651



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 $Governor\ Jeff\ Colyer,\ M.D.$ Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair | Jay Scott Emler, Commissioner | Dwight D. Keen, Commissioner

September 19, 2018

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Great Plains Petroleum, Inc. #30163 221 Circle Drive Wichita, Kansas 67218-1207 (316) 685-8800 Re: Stumps #4

Docket #**D-11,083** SW-SW-NE Sec.03-17-12W

Barton County, Kansas

Attention: Mr. Rod Phares

During a file review of the above mentioned well it was found that this well is not in compliance with the UIC permit and/or Commission Rules and Regulations. Specifically the well doesn't meet the production tubing requirements as stated in the permit.

The use of this well is to be discontinued immediately until it has been brought back into compliance. Failure to bring this well back into compliance by March 14, 2019, may result in this matter being referred to our legal department, with a recommendation that the Commission take formal enforcement action, including assessment of monetary penalties.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at the Hays District Office at (785)261-6250.

Sincerely,

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District 4 UIC officer

cc: Case Morris District Supervisor Rene Stucky UIC Supervisor Richard Williams Compliance officer

2868 F.S.L. 2323 F.E.L. Exhibit C

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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first class mail and electronic service on06/11/2019	.
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