

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

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

In the Matter of the Failure of Tom & Stacey) Docket No. 17-CONS-3390-CPEN
Theis dba South Central Oil and Gas ("Operator")) CONSERVATION DIVISION
to Comply with K.A.R. 82-3-120.) License No. 34031

**ORDER DESIGNATING PREHEARING OFFICER
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

1. On December 1, 2016, the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) issued a Penalty Order against Operator alleging one violation of K.A.R. 82-3-120 due to an unplugged well(s) remaining on Operator's expired license.

2. On December 14, 2016, Stacey Theis, Operator, filed a Request for Hearing.

3. 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). The Commission also finds that an initial prehearing conference should be scheduled in this matter.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding shall be Dustin L. Kirk, Deputy General Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 1500 S.W. Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604, telephone number 785-271-3198, email address d.kirk@kcc.ks.gov.

B. A Prehearing Conference shall be held on **February 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.** by telephone. The conference call information is: telephone number: (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN #7632914771.

C. At the Prehearing Conference, parties shall be prepared to discuss deadlines for filing testimony and briefs, discovery procedures, and scheduling of a hearing with the Commission.

D. 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), K.S.A. 77-501 et seq. Any party that fails to attend or participate in the Prehearing Conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default pursuant to KAPA.

E. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-228(d)(2), corporations must enter an appearance via an attorney. If a corporation fails to enter an appearance via an attorney prior to the Prehearing Conference, it may be held in default pursuant to KAPA.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: JAN 12 2017



Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

Mailed Date: January 13, 2017

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 1/13/17, 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:

Tom & Stacey Theis dba South Central Oil and Gas
84A SW 20th Street
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and delivered by e-mail to:

Jonathan R. Myers, Litigation Counsel
KCC Wichita Central Office

Dustin L. Kirk, Deputy General Counsel
KCC Topeka Office

/s/ Paula J. Murray
Paula J. Murray
Legal Assistant
Kansas Corporation Commission