

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

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

In the matter of an Order to Show Cause) Docket No.: 15-CONS-739-CSHO
issued to Holden Exploration Co.)
("Operator") regarding responsibility under) CONSERVATION DIVISION
K.S.A. 55-179 for unplugged wells on an)
expired license.) License No.: 8418

DEFAULT ORDER

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. K.S.A. 77-520 provides that if a party fails to attend any stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the agency may issue a default order with a statement of the grounds. The party has seven days to file a written motion to vacate, which shall state the grounds relied upon.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

2. On the motion of the Commission Staff, the Commission issued an Order requiring Operator's attendance at a prehearing conference in anticipation of an evidentiary hearing, due to the presence of unplugged wells on Operator's license ("subject wells").

3. On April 23, 2015, the Prehearing Conference was held. Operator failed to attend, and Staff verbally moved that the Commission issue a Default Order.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Commission concludes Operator's failure to attend the prehearing conference constitutes default. Staff's motion for a default order should be granted.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 24, 2015, 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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