

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

In the matter of a general investigation to	)	Docket No.: 25-CONS-3194-CINV
propose a regulation implementing K.S.A. 55-	)	
180(f).	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
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**SECOND STATUS UPDATE**

Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) hereby files this *Second Status Update*.

1. On December 12, 2024, Staff filed a *Motion to Open Docket and Authorize Submission of a Proposed Regulation for Approval Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Filing Act*. On December 31, 2024, the Commission granted Staff's motion, further authorizing Staff to utilize this docket to provide status updates whenever appropriate.

2. On May 7, 2025, Staff submitted the proposed regulation, along with the Economic Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Benefit Statement, for review by the Division of the Budget as required by the Rules and Regulations Filing Act.<sup>1</sup> The Division of the Budget issued stamped copies of the documents on July 2, 2025.

3. On August 5, 2025, Staff submitted to the Secretary of State a request for publication in the Kansas Register of a notice of hearing. Publication occurred on August 14, 2025, noticing a public hearing to occur on October 23, 2025, at 10:00am via Zoom. Attached to this *Second Status Update* as Attachment A is a copy of the notice from the Kansas Register.

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 77-415 *et seq.*

WHEREFORE, Staff submits this *Second Status Update*.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**State of Kansas**

## Kansas Corporation Commission

### Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulation

The Kansas Corporation Commission will conduct a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 23, 2025, via Zoom, to consider the adoption of a proposed permanent regulation of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas.

This notice exceeds the 60-day notice requirement of the pending public hearing and shall constitute the beginning of the public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulation. A complete copy of the proposed regulation, economic impact statement, environmental benefit statement, and online comment form may be found on the Kansas Corporation Commission website at <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters>. Public comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. October 22, 2025. Comments may be submitted online, by contacting Tristan Kimbrell at [Tristan.Kimbrell@ks.gov](mailto:Tristan.Kimbrell@ks.gov), or by letter to Tristan Kimbrell, Litigation Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, KS 67202.

All interested parties may participate in the Zoom meeting by registering on the Kansas Corporation Commission website at <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters> prior to 12:00 p.m. October 22, 2025. The meeting will also be broadcast on the Kansas Corporation Commission YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@kansascorporationcommission>. No registration is required for viewing.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation, economic impact statement, and environmental benefit statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Sandra Rak at 785-271-3136 or the Kansas Relay Center at 1-800-766-3777.

A summary of the proposed regulation, as well as the economic impact and environmental benefit, follows: (Note: Statements indicating that the regulation is "anticipated to have a minor economic impact and environmental benefit" are intended to indicate that de minimis economic impacts and environmental benefits on the Kansas Corporation Commission, other state agencies, state employees, or the general public have been identified.)

**K.A.R. 82-3-144. Abandoned Well Plugging Reimbursement.**

This regulation provides the process persons will follow when seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging wells that have been abandoned for five or more years. As the regulation only requires that certain documents be submitted by persons desiring to be reimbursed, the regulation is anticipated to have minor economic impacts and environmental benefits.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Status Update has been served to the following by means of first-class mail and electronic service on August 15, 2025.

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