

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

Before Commissioners: Susan K. Duffy, Chair
Shari Feist Albrecht
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of Addressing the COVID-19)
pandemic in the State of Kansas.) Docket No. 20-GIMX-393-MIS

AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER STAYING ALL DOCKETS

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having reviewed the public record, the Commission makes the following findings:

1. On March 12, 2020, Governor Kelly issued an emergency declaration for the State of Kansas in response to COVID-19, authorizing the use of state resources and personnel to assist with response and recovery operations in affected counties.

2. In her State of Emergency Proclamation, Governor Kelly declared:

I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the order or rules and regulations of any state agency which implements such statute, if strict compliance with the provisions of such statutes, order or rule and regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay in any way necessary action in coping with the disaster as set forth in KSA 48-925(c)(1).

3. On March 17, 2020, Governor Kelly ordered the State government shut down from March 23, 2020 through April 6, 2020. As a result of both proclamations, during the government closure, the Commission exercised its emergency powers under K.S.A. 77-536(b) to stay all open dockets and suspend all deadlines in all open Commission dockets until the state government shutdown is lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise.

4. On April 3, 2020, Governor Kelly announced that the State government would reopen on a limited scale beginning April 6, 2020, and directing state employees to work from

home if possible. Therefore, the Commission modifies its Emergency Order Staying All Dockets as follows:

- All filing deadlines will automatically be extended by 30 days. If a party needs additional time beyond the 30-day extension, it should file a request in the respective Docket;
 - All hearing dates will remain suspended while the Stay at Home restrictions are in place or until the Commission rules otherwise;
 - All statutory deadlines for Commission orders will remain suspended while the Stay at Home restrictions are in place or until the Commission rules otherwise;
5. This directive applies to all electrical, natural gas, water, and telecommunications

utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and all open transportation and conservation dockets.

6. The Commission will begin accepting new filings or applications beginning April 9, 2020. Any filings or applications filed between April 6, 2020 and April 9, 2020 will be accepted and deemed filed on the day they were filed.

7. The Conservation Division may on a mission critical and public interest and safety basis utilize available human resources to respond to time-sensitive environmental and pollution events or risks and timely process intent-to-drill requests and well plugging application requests.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536, the Commission extends all filing and regulatory deadlines occurring within the time parameters of the Governor's Stay at Home directive, or any extensions thereof, to a date 30 days from and after the date the Stay at Home restrictions are lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise. Furthermore, the Commission continues to suspend all

scheduled hearing dates and statutory deadlines in open dockets until the state Stay at Home restrictions are lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise.

B. The Commission will begin accepting new filings or applications beginning April 9, 2020.

C. This Order is being served by electronic means, posted on the Commission's website, www.kcc.ks.gov, and the Kansas Public Square website, publicsquare.ks.gov. Based on the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation, the Commission believes these methods of service are appropriate under these unprecedented circumstances.

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to enter further orders as it deems necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 04/09/2020



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