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## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chairman Shari Feist Albrecht Jay Scott Emler

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In the matter of an Order to Show Cause issued to IGWT, Inc. ("Operator") regarding responsibility under K.S.A. 55-179 for Wernli #5, #7, #8, and #9 wells on the Wernli lease in Greenwood County, Kansas. Docket No.: 17-CONS-3099-CSHO

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 3167

## MOTION TO CANCEL EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND CLOSE DOCKET

For the following reasons, Staff requests that the May 18, 2017, evidentiary hearing in this matter be cancelled, and that the docket be closed.

1. On September 9, 2016, Staff filed a motion requesting that an order to show cause be issued against Operator, stating that Operator disputed its responsibility for four wells. The matter has twice been continued, once at the request of Staff and once at the request of Operator.

2. Upon full review of this docket, Staff no longer believes it was appropriate for it to file a motion to show cause. Operator has claimed the wells by an April 1, 2013, Transfer of Operator ("T-1") Form and by repeatedly including the wells on its annual well inventory. If Operator wishes to contest its responsibility for the wells in some manner, it is welcome to do so. However, from Staff's perspective, this matter is settled. Since Staff brought the initial motion to show cause and no longer wishes to instigate a show cause evidentiary hearing, Staff hereby respectfully requests that this docket be closed.

3. Staff notes that although its motion to show cause was requested exclusively regarding the question of responsibility for the wells, the separate issue of the wells being inactive in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 remains. Staff intends on taking whatever actions necessary to get the K.A.R. 82-3-111 issue resolved and can do so most effectively outside the

show cause framework. Staff has scheduled a meeting with Operator next week, in hope of amicably, efficiently resolving the K.A.R. 82-3-111 issue.

4. Staff has conversed with Operator's counsel regarding this matter, and Operator is not opposed to Staff's motion to cancel the evidentiary hearing and close the docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on  $\frac{4/7/20/7}{}$ , I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Motion to be served via United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to:

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