

**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

ORDER CLARIFYING 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, declaring:

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).

2. 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.

3. On April 9, 2020, the Commission modified its Emergency Order Staying All Dockets as follows:

- 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;
- The Commission would accept new filings or applications beginning April 6, 2020.

4. The Commission clarifies its April 9, 2020 Order that extends all filing and regulatory deadlines in place on March 23, 2020, by an additional 30 days from the date Governor Kelly's Stay at Home restrictions are lifted or until the Commission directs otherwise.

5. 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(b), in an effort to clarify the Commission's April 9, 2020 Order, the Commission extends all filing and regulatory deadlines beginning March 23, 2020, by an additional 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. 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.

C. 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: 04/14/2020



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Executive Director

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