## THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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

In the matter of the application of Kiowa Gas ) Company ("Operator") for an exception to the 10- ) year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its ) Eula May #2-16 well located in the SW/4 NE/4 of ) Section 16, Township 33 South, Range 22 West, ) Clark County, Kansas. ) Docket No. 16-CONS-4020-CEXC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No. 33995

## MOTION FOR THE COMMISSION TO SCHEDULE PROCEEDINGS

The Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission moves the Commission for an Order setting this matter for hearing, including the designation of a prehearing officer and the setting of a date for a prehearing conference, for the following reasons:

1. Temporary abandonment ("TA") status is not available for the captioned well,

because the well has been inactive for longer than 10 years.

2. On May 2, 2016, Operator filed an application for an exception to the 10-year

limit on TA status for the subject well. There is no indication in the record that the well has passed a casing integrity test. To date, verifications of publication of notice in the Wichita Eagle and official county newspaper have not been filed in the record.

3. Staff requests the Commission designate a prehearing officer and schedule a prehearing conference, where an evidentiary hearing date can be determined if needed.

4. If Operator files verifications of publication and demonstrates that the well casing has integrity, Staff will consider recommending that this application be granted without the need for an evidentiary hearing. If these steps are not taken and proceedings are required, Staff may recommend denial of the application and request an order to plug the well.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff moves the Commission to designate a prehearing officer, set this matter for prehearing conference, and then set the matter for an evidentiary hearing if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on <u>June 7, 2016</u>, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Motion to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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