

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

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

In the Matter of an Order Reducing Saltwater) Docket No.: 15-CONS-770-CMSC
Injection Rates into the Arbuckle Formation,)
Applicable to Wells in Defined Areas of Increase) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Seismic Activity in Harper and Sumner Counties.)
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION OF TAPSTONE ENERGY, LLC

1. On March 19, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Reducing Saltwater Injection Rates. The Order stated that any party may request a hearing within 30 days, with three days added to account for service by mail.
2. On April 17, 2015, SandRidge Exploration and Production, LLC (“SandRidge”), filed its Motion to Intervene and Request for Hearing through counsel. The motion stated that SandRidge was not sure whether the hearing request would be further pursued, but that the request for hearing was being filed before the deadline to preserve the right if it is needed.
3. On April 23, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Granting Intervention and Designating Prehearing Officer, stating that the scheduling of a prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing would be deferred until requested by a party or set by the Prehearing Officer.
4. On October 29, 2015, the Commission issued its Order Extending Monitoring Period, which also provided a request for hearing may be filed within 30 days, with three days added to account for service by mail.
5. On February 19, 2016, the Commission Staff filed a Report and Recommendation, requesting the Commission issue expanded injection requirements.

6. On February 24, 2016, Tapstone Energy, LLC (“Tapstone”), filed a motion to intervene and request for hearing, and it filed a clarifying motion on February 26, 2016. Like Sandridge, Tapstone wishes to preserve its appeal and requests the actual scheduling of a hearing be deferred until such time as a hearing is requested by a party.

7. The Commission finds that Tapstone has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be allowed to intervene.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The motion by Tapstone to intervene in this docket is granted. Service of all pleadings in this docket shall be delivered to Tapstone’s counsel.

B. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521(c), the Commission may impose conditions upon the intervener’s participation in the proceedings.

C. The request for a hearing is granted.

D. The Prehearing Officer in this proceeding is Lane R. Palmateer, Counsel, Kansas Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main, Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, telephone number 316-337-6200, email address l.palmateer@kcc.ks.gov.

E. The Prehearing Officer may set this matter for a prehearing conference upon its own motion or on the motion of any party to this docket. Notice of any prehearing conference shall be mailed to the parties in this docket at least 14 calendar days before the scheduled date.

F. The attorney designated to appear on behalf of the agency in this proceeding is Jon Myers, Litigation Counsel, telephone number 316-337-6200, email j.myers@kcc.ks.gov.

G. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on March 10, 2016, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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