

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

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

In the Matter of an Order to Show Cause) Docket No: 18-CONS-3098-CSHO
issued to Bert Carlson (“Operator”) regarding)
responsibility under K.S.A. 55-179 for) CONSERVATION DIVISION
unplugged wells on an expired license.)
_____) License No. 32802

PREHEARING OFFICER ORDER RESCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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

1. On October 19, 2017, the Commission issued its *Order to Show Cause, Designating a Prehearing Officer, and Setting a Prehearing Conference* (Order), scheduling a Prehearing Conference for November 14, 2017.¹

2. At the November 14, 2017, Prehearing Conference, Commission Conservation Staff (Staff) verbally moved to have the Prehearing Conference continued for 60 days.

3. On November 16, 2017, Staff confirmed its verbal motion by filing a Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference, asking that the Prehearing Conference be rescheduled for the third week of January 2018.

4. At the January 16, 2018, Prehearing Conference, Staff requested another 60 day continuance in order to explore this docket’s consequences with respect to the Operator’s bankruptcy proceedings.

¹ Order, Ordering Clause C (Oct. 19, 2017).

5. The Prehearing Officer finds Staff's continuance request to be reasonable in light of the above circumstances.

THEREFORE, THE PREHEARING OFFICER ORDERS:

A. The Prehearing Conference is rescheduled for Thursday, **March 22, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.** by telephone. The conference information is: telephone number (866) 620-7326, Conference Code PIN: 7632914771#.

B. Any party that fails to attend or participate in the status conference, hearing, or other stage of this proceeding may be held in default pursuant to the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act.²

C. The parties have fifteen (15) days, plus three (3) days if mailed service, from the date this Order was served in which to petition for reconsideration.³

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

Dated: January 23, 2017

/s/ *Michael J. Duenes*

Michael J. Duenes
Prehearing Officer

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² K.S.A. 77-516(c)(8); K.S.A. 77-520.

³ K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1); *see* K.S.A. 66-118b.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 23, 2018, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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Order Mailed Date

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