THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson

Dwight D. Keen Annie Kuether

In the matter of the failure of NEC Operating –)	Docket No: 26-CONS-3001-CPEN
Kansas, LLC (Operator) to comply with	
K.A.R. 82-3-120 and K.A.R. 82-3-133 by	CONSERVATION DIVISION
operating under a suspended license.	
	License No: 35920

PROPOSED DEFAULT ORDER

The Commission rules as follows:

- 1. On July 3, 2025, the Commission issued a Penalty Order against Operator in this matter. On August 5, 2025, Operator requested a hearing.
- 2. On August 12, 2025, the Commission designated a presiding officer and set an August 28, 2025, prehearing conference. Operator failed to attend the prehearing conference via counsel, as required by the Commission's August 12, 2025, order.¹
- 3. K.S.A. 77-520 provides that "If a party fails to attend or participate in a prehearing conference, hearing or other stage of an adjudicative proceeding, the presiding officer may serve upon all parties a written notice of a proposed default order, including a statement of the grounds." Due to Operator's failure to attend the prehearing conference, the Commission finds Operator has failed to participate in a stage of this adjudicative proceeding, and serves this Proposed Default Order.
- 4. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520(b), Operator may file a written motion requesting this Proposed Default Order be vacated, stating the grounds relied upon, within seven calendar days after service of this Order.

¹ See Order Designating Presiding Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference, Ordering Clause B (Aug. 12, 2025).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-520(c), unless Operator files a timely written motion to vacate this Proposed Default Order, this Order shall be effective.

B. If this Proposed Default Order becomes effective, then this matter shall be completed as follows: (1) the July 3, 2025, Penalty Order shall become a final order, and (2) any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration of this Proposed Default Order, pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).²

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commission	er; Kuether, Commissioner
Dated: 09/11/2025	Custo
	Celeste Chaney-Tucker
	Executive Director
Mailed Date: 09/11/2025	
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² See K.S.A. 77-520(e); K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on _______.

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