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Susan K. Duffy, Chair  
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**NOTICE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENT**  
**20-CONS-3308-CPEN**

June 9, 2020

Gus & Annie Myers  
132A State Hwy 99 #A  
Sedan, KS 67361-8518

This is a notice of a penalty assessment for violation(s) of Kansas Oil and Gas Conservation Statutes, Rules, and Regulations. For a full description of the penalty and process please refer to the Penalty Order that is attached to this notice.

**IF YOU ACCEPT THE PENALTY:**

You have been assessed a \$300 penalty. You have 30 days from the service date of this Penalty Order to pay the fine amount. Check or money order must be made payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission and mailed to the Conservation Division of the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Payment by credit card may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.

**IF YOU CONTEST THE PENALTY:**

You have the right to request a hearing. A written request for hearing must be made within 30 days after service of the Penalty Order. Respondent must submit the request to the Commission, at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The Commission shall conduct a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act within 30 days after receipt of such request. K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-542; K.A.R. 82-1-215.

**IF YOU FAIL TO ACT:**

Failure to pay the fine amount, or in the alternative, provide a written request for a hearing, within thirty (30) days of service of the Penalty Order, will result in the attached Penalty Order becoming a Final Order and may result in additional sanctions, including additional monetary penalties, the suspension of your oil and gas operating license, and the shutting-in of all operations until compliance is obtained. K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-164; K.S.A. 77-537.

Respectfully,

Kelcey Marsh  
Litigation Counsel  
316-337-6200

**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 the failure of Gus & Annie	)	Docket No.: 20-CONS-3308-CPEN
Myers (Operator) to report activity that	)	
occurred during the 2019 calendar year in	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-409.	)	
<hr/>		License No.: 33354

**PENALTY ORDER**

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas. Having examined the files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has jurisdiction to regulate the “construction, operation, and abandonment of any well and the protection of the usable water of this state from any actual or potential pollution from any well.”<sup>2</sup> Every operator conducting oil and gas activity in Kansas must be licensed by the Commission.<sup>3</sup>

2. The Commission has the authority to issue a Penalty Order for violation of any provision of K.S.A. 55-101 *et seq.*, rule, regulation, or order of the Commission.<sup>4</sup> The Commission shall take appropriate action which may include, but not be limited to, imposing a monetary penalty “not to exceed \$10,000, which shall constitute an actual and substantial

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 74-623.

<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 55-152.

<sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 55-155.

<sup>4</sup> K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-164.

economic deterrent to the violation for which the penalty is assessed.”<sup>5</sup> “In the case of a continuing violation, every day such violation continues shall be deemed a separate violation.”<sup>6</sup>

3. Each operator of an injection well shall submit a report to the Conservation Division, on a form required by the Commission, showing for the previous calendar year the following information:

- a. The monthly average wellhead pressure;
- b. The maximum wellhead pressure;
- c. The amount and kind of fluid injected into each well; and
- d. Any other performance information that may be required by the Conservation Division.<sup>7</sup>

4. The report shall be submitted on or before March 1 of the following year, and failure to timely file an annual injection report shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty.<sup>8</sup>

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

5. Operator is responsible for the care and control of the well(s) listed in Exhibit A (Subject Well(s)), which are authorized injection wells.<sup>9</sup>

6. On May 11, 2020, Commission Staff sent a Notice of Violation (NOV) letter to Operator, stating that the Commission was not in receipt of the annual fluid injection report(s) for activity during the 2019 calendar year at the Subject Well(s). The NOV letter gave a May 25, 2020, deadline for Operator to submit the report(s) and avoid a penalty.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> K.S.A. 55-164.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> K.A.R. 82-3-409.

<sup>8</sup> K.A.R. 82-3-409(c).

<sup>9</sup> Exhibit A.

<sup>10</sup> Exhibit B.

7. To date, Operator has failed to file the annual fluid injection report(s) for the Subject Well(s), reporting activity during the 2019 calendar year.

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8. The Commission concludes that it has jurisdiction over Operator and this matter under K.S.A. 55-152 and K.S.A. 74-623.

9. The Commission concludes Operator committed three violation(s) of K.A.R. 82-3-409 because Operator failed to file the necessary annual fluid injection report(s) at the Subject Well(s).

#### **THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Operator shall pay a \$300 penalty.

B. Operator shall file the required annual fluid injection report(s).

C. Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request, pursuant to K.S.A. 55-164, K.S.A. 77-537, and K.S.A. 77-542, to the Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order. Hearings will be scheduled only upon written request. Failure to timely request a hearing will result in a waiver of Operator's right to a hearing.

D. If no party requests a hearing, and Operator is not in compliance with this Order within 30 days, then Operator's license shall be suspended without further notice and shall remain suspended until Operator complies with this Order. The notice and opportunity for a hearing on this Order shall constitute the notice required by K.S.A. 77-512 regarding license suspension. The Commission may impose further sanctions, including additional monetary penalties and any other remedies available to the Commission by law, without further notice.

E. Checks and money orders shall be payable to the Kansas Corporation Commission. Payments shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission at 266 N. Main St., Suite 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. The payment must include a reference to the docket number of this proceeding. Credit card payments may be made by calling the Conservation Division at 316-337-6200.


F. A corporation shall appear before the Commission by a Kansas licensed attorney.

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

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Duffy, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 06/09/2020

  
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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

Mailed Date: 06/09/2020

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# **Exhibit A**

**Gus & Annie Myers**  
**License: 33354**

<b>Subject Wells</b>				
<b>API Well #</b>	<b>Lease Name/ Well #</b>	<b>Well Locations</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>UIC Permit</b>
15-019-22804-00-01	WILSON 1	14-35S-11E, SWSWNWSW, 1212FSL 4976FEL	CHAUTAUQUA	E21271.1
15-019-24145-00-01	HAUPTMAN 4 A	7-35S-12E, NWNENWNW, 5052FSL 4347FEL	CHAUTAUQUA	E24854.1
15-019-24310-00-01	HAUPTMAN 5	7-35S-12E, SENENWNW, 4659FSL 4156FEL	CHAUTAUQUA	E24854.2



Susan K. Duffy, Chair  
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May 11, 2020

License No. 33354

Myers, Gus & Annie  
132A STATE HWY 99 # A  
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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**Re: Annual Fluid Injection Report Form(s) - ("U3C Form")**

Operator:

Commission records indicate that for the well(s) on the attached list,

**We have not received the necessary U3C Form(s), reporting activity during the 2019 calendar year.**

It is a violation of K.A.R. 82-3-409 for an operator to fail to submit a U3C Form in a timely manner. Forms reporting activity during the 2019 calendar year were due March 1, 2020.

**Failure to submit a complete, accurate U3C Form  
for the well(s) on the attached list  
by May 25, 2020  
shall be punishable by a \$100 per-well administrative penalty.**

The information requested above must be submitted on KOLAR. If a U3C Form is returned to you as incomplete, you will not have additional time - the deadline above governs.

Forms must be filed regardless of whether injection occurred. If you became responsible for the well after December 31, 2019, you must still file a U3C Form.

Please contact me at (316) 337-6236 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cheri Boyer, KCC Staff  
Kansas Corporation Commission

**List of Wells: Missing U3C Form**

Permit	API Well #	Lease Name / Well #	Well Location	County
E21271.1	15-019-22804-00-01	WILSON 1	14-35S-11E, SWSWNWSW, 1212FSL 4976FEL	CHAUTAUQUA
E24854.1	15-019-24145-00-01	HAUPTMAN 4 A	7-35S-12E, NWNENWNW, 5052FSL 4347FEL	CHAUTAUQUA
E24854.2	15-019-24310-00-01	HAUPTMAN 5	7-35S-12E, SENENWNW, 4659FSL 4156FEL	CHAUTAUQUA



## **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 06/09/2020.

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