#### State of Kansas Corporation Commission



#### Notice of Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulation

The State Corporation Commission will conduct a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, October 23, 2025, via Zoom, to consider the adoption of a proposed permanent regulation of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas.

This notice exceeds the 60-day notice requirement of the pending public hearing and shall constitute the beginning of the public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed regulation. A complete copy of the proposed regulation, economic impact statement, environmental benefit statement, and online comment form may be found on the State Corporation Commission website at https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters. Public comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. October 22, 2025. Comments may be submitted online, by contacting Tristan Kimbrell at Tristan.Kimbrell@ks.gov, or by letter to Tristan Kimbrell, Litigation Counsel, State Corporation Commission, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202.

All interested parties may participate in the Zoom meeting by registering on the State Corporation Commission website at https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters prior to 12:00 p.m. October 22, 2025. The meeting will also be broadcast on the State Corporation Commission YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@kansascorporationcommission. No registration is required for viewing.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulation, economic impact statement, and environmental benefit statement in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting Sandra Rak at 785-271-3136 or the Kansas Relay Center at 1-800-766-3777.

A summary of the proposed regulation, as well as the economic impact and environmental benefit, follows: (Note: Statements indicating that the regulation is "anticipated to have a minor economic impact and environmental benefit" are intended to indicate that de minimis economic impacts and environmental benefits on the State Corporation Commission, other state agencies, state employees, or the general public have been identified.)

#### K.A.R. 82-3-144. Abandoned Well Plugging Reimbursement.

This regulation provides the process persons will follow when seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging wells that have been abandoned for five or more years. As the regulation only requires that certain documents be submitted by persons desiring to be reimbursed, the regulation is anticipated to have minor economic impacts and environmental benefits.

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**82-3-144. Abandoned well plugging reimbursement.** (a) Reimbursement process. Each person seeking reimbursement under K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 55-180(f), and amendments thereto, shall do the following in the prescribed order to obtain reimbursement:

- (1) Submit a complete plugging reimbursement application;
- (2) obtain plugging reimbursement approval from the director;
- (3) plug the well or wells in accordance with all applicable laws; and
- (4) submit a complete post-plugging certification of completion.
- (b) Plugging reimbursement application. Each plugging reimbursement application shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the commission and shall include:
  - (1) The name and contact information of the applicant;
- (2) the name and contact information of the surface owner, as defined in K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 55-169a(b), and amendments thereto;
- (3) the location of the well or wells, and any known well names or American petroleum institute numbers;
  - (4) the estimated reimbursement for each well and the total plugging estimate; and
  - (5) any other information required by the conservation division.
- (c) Director plugging reimbursement approval. The following nonexclusive factors may be considered by the director as part of a decision to grant or deny plugging reimbursement approval:
  - (1) Whether funds are available to the commission;
- (2) whether the well or wells are eligible for reimbursement under K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 55-180(f)(1), and amendments thereto; and

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(3) whether the estimated total plugging reimbursement amount is reasonable.

(d) Well plugging requirements. To obtain reimbursement, each well shall be plugged

according to all statutory and regulatory requirements, and all written directives of the director

and staff, except no person shall be required to submit any form as required by K.A.R. 82-3-113

or K.A.R. 82-3-117.

(e) Post-plugging certification of completion. Each post-plugging certification of

completion shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the commission and shall include:

(1) The name and contact information of the applicant;

(2) the name and contact information of the surface owner;

(3) the location of the well or wells, and any known well names or American petroleum

institute numbers;

(4) all plugging invoices for each well included in the plugging reimbursement

application that was plugged, including copies of all cement tickets or cement receipts;

(5) the reimbursement requested for each well and the total requested reimbursement;

and

(6) any other information required by the conservation division.

(f) Plugging reimbursement. If the director has granted a plugging reimbursement

application for the well or wells, the following exclusive factors shall be considered by the

director as part of a decision to grant or deny post-plugging reimbursement:

(1) Compliance with all well-plugging requirements and directives; and

(2) successful finalization and submission of the post-plugging certification of

completion, including all invoices.

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(g) If any well is plugged within six months after a plugging reimbursement application is approved by the director, reimbursement for the actual amount spent, not to exceed the amount requested in the initial plugging reimbursement application, shall be granted once the criteria set forth in subsection (f) are met. The director may grant reimbursement of an amount greater than the amount requested in the initial plugging reimbursement application, but only upon a showing by the applicant of unforeseen circumstances during the plugging process that directly caused an excess in plugging costs.

(h) Application for exception. Upon written, timely request to the conservation division, the director may provide an exception to any of the requirements of this regulation. (Authorized by K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 55-152 and 55-180; implementing K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 55-180 and 55-192; effective P-\_\_\_\_\_\_.)

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# **Kansas Administrative Regulations Economic Impact Statement (EIS)**

316-337-6218 Tristan Kimbrell Kansas Corporation Commission Contact Phone Number **Agency Contact** Agency □ Permanent ☐ Temporary New: 82-3-144 K.A.R. Number(s) Is/Are the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program? If yes, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation packet submitted ☐ Yes in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. Budget approval is not required; however, the Division of the Budget will require submission of a copy of the EIS at the end of the review process. If no, do the total annual implementation and compliance costs for the proposed rule(s) and ⊠ No regulation(s), calculated from the effective date of the rule(s) and regulation(s), exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) (as calculated in Section III, F)? If "Yes," then the agency shall not adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s) until the rule(s) ☐ Yes and regulation(s) has been ratified by the Legislature with a bill, unless the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are: 1) mandated by the federal government as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program, as described in K.S.A. 77-416(b)(1)(B), and amendments thereto; 2) temporary rule(s) and regulation(s) adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-722, and amendments thereto; or 3) rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2-3710 (Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board). Continue to fill out the remaining EIS form to be included with the regulation packet in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be independently analyzed by the Division of the Budget for approval.

If no, continue to fill out the remaining form to be included with the regulation

packet submitted in the review process to the Department of Administration and the Attorney General. The submitted EIS will be analyzed by the Division of the Budget

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#### Section I

Analysis, brief description, and cost and benefit quantification of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s). If the approach chosen by the Kansas agency to address the policy issue is different from that utilized by agencies of contiguous states or of the federal government, the economic impact statement shall include an explanation of why the Kansas agency's rule and regulation differs.

The proposed regulation provides the process persons must follow when seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging wells that have been abandoned for five or more years. K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1) directed the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to promulgate a regulation for determining whether, how, and to what extent a request for reimbursement shall be granted. The proposed regulation will not cost individuals, businesses, or local governmental units any money, but will instead provide the process for persons who have plugged an abandoned well to be reimbursed for the plugging costs. Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, and the federal government do not appear to have similar programs that reimburse persons for plugging abandoned wells; consequently, an analysis of program differences is not possible.

#### Section II

Explain whether the proposed rule and regulation is mandated by federal law as a requirement for participating in or implementing a federally subsidized or assisted program and whether the proposed rules and regulations exceed the requirements of applicable federal law.

The proposed regulation is not mandated by federal law and does not exceed the requirements of federal law.

#### Section III

Agency analysis specifically addressing the following:

A. The extent to which the rule(s) and regulation(s) will enhance or restrict business activities and growth;

The proposed regulation will enhance business activities and growth. Persons that cause an abandoned well to be plugged will do so by using a KCC licensed oil and gas well plugging business or contractor. The reimbursement for plugging abandoned wells will therefore flow to plugging businesses and contractors in the State of Kansas. The proposed regulation will provide the process persons will use to obtain reimbursement, thereby enhancing the growth of the oil and gas well plugging industry in Kansas. The proposed regulation will not restrict business activities or growth in the State.

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B. The economic effect, including a detailed quantification of implementation and compliance costs, on the specific businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments that will be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) and on the state economy as a whole;

The proposed regulation will have de minimis implementation and compliance costs on businesses, sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, and local governments. Only persons who choose to apply for reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund will be affected by the proposed regulation. Additionally, the sole compliance cost of the proposed regulation is the time necessary to complete a plugging reimbursement application and a post-plugging certification of plugging completion. The plugging reimbursement application merely requires the applicant's name and contact information, surface owner's name and contact information, the location and name of the abandoned well, and the estimated total cost of plugging the well. Likewise, the post-plugging certification of completion only requires the applicant's name and contact information, the surface owner's name and contact information, the location and name of the well, all plugging invoices, and the requested reimbursement amount. Thus, the time necessary to fill out the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion will be minimal, and the cost will therefore be de minimis.

The actual plugging of abandoned wells must conform to previously promulgated plugging regulations. Consequently, the proposed regulation will have no impact on the cost of plugging wells. Similarly, previously promulgated regulations state that plugging contractors must be licensed by the KCC. As a result, the proposed regulation will have no impact on the cost of becoming a licensed plugging contractor.

The economic effect of the proposed regulation on the state economy as a whole will be beneficial. By following the processes in the proposed regulation, plugging contractors in the State of Kansas will be reimbursed from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging abandoned wells. Thus, the proposed regulation will indirectly help to enhance the well plugging industry in the state. Additionally, abandoned wells on private property may lower the value of that property; consequently, the proposed regulation will also help to indirectly raise property values in the state. Finally, if an abandoned well has been left unplugged on arable land, farmers must often farm around the well. By reducing the number of abandoned wells on arable land, the proposed regulation will indirectly increase the efficiency of farm operations in the state.

C. Businesses that would be directly affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s);

Only persons who fill out the plugging reimbursement application or post-plugging certification of completion would be directly affected by the proposed regulation. Thus, only businesses or contractors that engage in oil and gas well plugging in the State of Kansas would potentially be directly affected by the proposed regulation. Landowners and farmers who have abandoned wells plugged on their properties as a result of the proposed regulation may be indirectly affected by the proposed regulation.

D. Benefits of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) compared to the costs;

The proposed regulation will provide the process for businesses and contractors to be reimbursed for plugging abandoned wells at a de minimis cost to those businesses and contractors. This will indirectly benefit landowners and farmers as it will result in more abandoned oil and gas wells being timely plugged in the State of Kansas. Consequently, the benefits will greatly outweigh any de minimis costs.

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E. Measures taken by the agency to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals:

The information required in the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion is limited to only the essential information necessary to approve the application and provide the reimbursement. Additionally, both the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion will be provided as fillable pdfs that may be downloaded from the KCC website. As a result, the cost of the proposed regulation on business and economic development within the State of Kansas, local government, and individuals will be de minimis.

F. An estimate of the total annual implementation and compliance costs that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governments, or individuals. Note: Do not account for any actual or estimated cost savings that may be realized. Implementation and compliance costs determined shall be those additional costs reasonably expected to be incurred and shall be separately identified for the affected businesses, local governmental units, and individuals.

Costs to Affected Businesses – \$0

Costs to Local Governmental Units - \$0

Costs to Individuals - \$0

Total Annual Costs - \$0

(sum of above amounts)

Give a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the above cost estimate.

The methodology used to determine the \$0 cost estimate is based on the fact that the time spent filling out the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion should be minimal, and thus any costs will be de minimis.

☐ Yes☐ No

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If the total implementation and compliance costs exceed \$1.0 million or more in implementation and compliance costs over the initial five-year period following adoption of such rule(s) and regulation(s) that are reasonably expected to be incurred by or passed along to businesses, local governmental units and individuals as a result of the proposed rule and regulation, did the agency hold a public hearing to find that the estimated costs have been accurately determined and are necessary for achieving legislative intent? If applicable, document when the public hearing was held, those in attendance, and any pertinent information from the hearing.

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Provide an estimate to any changes in aggregate state revenues and expenditures for the implementation of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), for both the current fiscal year and next fiscal year.

The proposed regulation will have no effect on state revenues. The proposed regulation will also have no direct effect on state expenditures as it merely provides the process for persons to obtain reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund as authorized by K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1). The KCC estimates that under K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1), approximately \$3 million will be expended from the Fund for reimbursements. The KCC arrived at this estimate by noting that the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund contains approximately \$4 million. The KCC estimates it will need to spend approximately \$1 million to plug and remediate high-priority abandoned wells that pose an immediate threat to public health or the environment. Consequently, \$3 million in the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund will be expended on reimbursing persons under K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1).

Provide an estimate of any immediate or long-range economic impact of the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) on any individual(s), small employers, and the general public. If no dollar estimate can be given for any individual(s), small employers, and the general public, give specific reasons why no estimate is possible.

The proposed regulation will not have any direct immediate or long-range economic impact on any individual(s), small employers, or the general public as the regulation only provides the process for persons to access reimbursements from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. The regulation may have indirect impacts, though, as the KCC estimates that under K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1), oil and gas plugging businesses and contractors will obtain reimbursements totaling approximately \$3 million from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. However, if funds from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund are spent more quickly than anticipated, then K.S.A. 55-168 requires that liabilities from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund be paid from the Conservation Fee Fund. The Conservation Fee Fund is funded through fees and assessments on oil and gas operators in the state. Thus, over the long-range, if the KCC must use funds from the Conservation Fee Fund to satisfy liabilities from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund, then oil and gas operators may face higher fees and assessments in order to maintain a positive balance in the Conservation Fee Fund.

G. If the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) increases or decreases revenues of cities, counties or school districts, or imposes functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability, describe how the state agency consulted with the League of Kansas Municipalities, Kansas Association of Counties, and/or the Kansas Association of School Boards.

The proposed regulation will have no impact on revenues for cities, counties or school districts. The proposed regulation will also not impose functions or responsibilities on cities, counties or school districts that will increase expenditures or fiscal liability.

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H. Describe how the agency consulted and solicited information from businesses, business associations, local governmental units, state agencies, or institutions and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) or may provide relevant information.

The KCC engaged in considerable consultation with businesses, state agencies, institutions, and members of the public that may be affected by the proposed regulation. K.S.A. 55-153 established the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee that meets quarterly to discuss the regulation of oil and gas activities in the State of Kansas. The Committee includes a member of the Kansas Petroleum Council, Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association, Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association, a joint appointment from the Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Livestock Association (and the appointee must be an owner of a surface interest), a joint appointment from the Southwest Kansas Royalty Owners Association and Eastern Kansas Royalty Owners Association (and the appointee must be an owner of a mineral interest), a joint appointment by the presidents of each Groundwater Management District, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Geological Survey, Kansas Water Office, Division of Water Resources of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, a member from the general public, and the Director of the Conservation Division of the KCC. The proposed regulation was discussed during several of the quarterly meetings in 2023 and 2024. The KCC also received written feedback on the proposed regulation from representatives of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association. KCC Staff subsequently amended portions of the proposed regulation after reviewing the written feedback. Additionally, KCC Staff regularly attend the annual conventions of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association and the Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association. During the 2023 and 2024 conventions for each organization, the KCC set up booths and discussed the proposed regulation with individuals who were attending the conventions.

#### Section IV

Does the Economic Impact Statement involve any environmental rule(s) and regulation(s)?

☑ Yes If yes, complete the remainder of Section IV.

☐ No If no, skip the remainder of Section IV.

A. Describe the capital and annual costs of compliance with the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), and the individuals or entities who would bear the costs.

The proposed regulation applies only to persons seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging abandoned wells. Thus, there is no capital or annual cost of compliance with the proposed regulation for any person that does not apply for reimbursement. For persons that do apply for reimbursement, the compliance cost of submitting the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion will be de minimis.

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B. Describe the initial and annual costs of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s), including the estimated amount of paperwork, and the state agencies, other governmental agencies, or other individuals who will bear the costs.

The KCC will be the sole state agency implementing and enforcing the proposed regulation. KCC Staff will only need to review the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion forms submitted by persons who plan to plug or have finished plugging abandoned wells. The time necessary to review the forms should be minimal, and therefore the estimated cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed regulation is de minimis.

C. Describe the costs that would likely accrue if the proposed rule(s) and regulation(s) are not adopted, the individuals or entities who will bear the costs and who will be affected by the failure to adopt the rule(s) and regulation(s).

If the proposed regulation is not adopted, then persons who might cause abandoned wells in the state to be plugged would be unlikely to do so as they would not be able to obtain reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. As a result, many fewer abandoned wells in the State of Kansas would be timely plugged. Abandoned oil and gas wells have the potential to pollute fresh and usable waters, and to cause spills of fluid onto the lands around the wells. If fresh and usable water becomes polluted, then landowners and farmers may have difficulty accessing water for drinking or irrigation. Depending on the cause of a spill from an abandoned well, the landowner where the well is located, or any oil and gas operator with nearby operations, could be responsible for cleaning up the spill from the abandoned well. Thus, failure to adopt the proposed regulation would slow the timely plugging of abandoned wells, which may have detrimental impacts on landowners, farmers, and oil and gas operators throughout the state. The KCC, however, is unaware of any estimates for how much abandoned wells cost the State of Kansas annually.

D. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the costs used.

There is no data available to estimate the costs of leaving abandoned wells in the State of Kansas unplugged.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT STATEMENT

New Proposed Regulation K.A.R. 82-3-144

January 2025

#### I. Environmental Benefit Statement

- 1) Need for proposed regulation and environmental benefit likely to accrue.
  - a) Need

The proposed regulation provides the process persons must follow when seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging wells that have been abandoned for five or more years. K.S.A. 55-180(f)(1) directed the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) to promulgate a regulation for determining whether, how, and to what extent a request for reimbursement shall be granted.

#### b) Environmental benefit

By creating a process for persons to be reimbursed from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund, additional abandoned oil and gas wells will be timely plugged in the State of Kansas. Abandoned oil and gas wells have the potential to pollute fresh and usable waters, and cause spills of fluids onto surrounding lands or nearby waterways. The proposed regulation will therefore indirectly reduce the potential for fresh and usable water to be polluted, and for spills to occur on lands or waterways.

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2) A summary of any applicable research indicating the level of risk to the public health or the environment being removed or controlled by the proposed regulation.

The proposed regulation concerns only the process for persons to be reimbursed from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund, and therefore does not have a direct impact on public health or the environment. The KCC is unaware of research indicating the level of risk to the public health or the environment caused by abandoned oil and gas wells in the State of Kansas.

3) If specific contaminants are to be controlled by the proposed regulation, a description indicating the level at which the contaminants are considered harmful according to currently available research.

There are no specific contaminants to be controlled by the proposed regulation as the regulation merely provides the process for persons to be reimbursed from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. Persons seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund must plug abandoned wells in accordance with currently existing statutes and regulations.

- II. Additional Economic Impacts for Environmental Regulations
- 1) Capital and annual costs of compliance with the proposed regulation and the persons who will bear those costs.

The proposed regulation applies only to persons seeking reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund for plugging abandoned wells. Thus, there is no capital or annual cost of compliance with the proposed regulation for any person that does not apply for reimbursement. For persons that do apply for reimbursement, the compliance cost of submitting

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the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion will be de minimis.

2) Initial and annual costs of implementing and enforcing the proposed regulation, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and the state agencies, other governmental agencies or other persons or entities who will bear the costs.

The KCC will be the sole state agency implementing and enforcing the proposed regulation. KCC Staff will only need to review the plugging reimbursement application and post-plugging certification of completion forms submitted by persons who plan to plug, or have finished plugging, abandoned wells. The time necessary to review the forms should be minimal, and therefore the estimated cost of implementing and enforcing the proposed regulation is de minimis.

3) Costs which would likely accrue if the proposed regulation is not adopted, the persons who will bear the costs, and those who will be affected by the failure to adopt the regulation.

If the proposed regulation is not adopted, then persons who might cause abandoned wells in the state to be plugged would be unlikely to do so as they would not be able to obtain reimbursement from the Abandoned Oil and Gas Well Fund. As a result, many fewer abandoned wells in the State of Kansas would be timely plugged. Abandoned oil and gas wells have the potential to pollute fresh and usable waters, and to cause spills of fluids onto the lands and waterways around the wells. If fresh and usable water becomes polluted, then landowners and farmers may have difficulty accessing water for drinking or irrigation. Depending on the cause of a spill from an abandoned well, the landowner where the well is located, or any oil and gas operator with nearby operations, could be responsible for cleaning up the spill from the abandoned well.

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Thus, failure to adopt the proposed regulation would slow the timely plugging of abandoned wells, which may have detrimental impacts on landowners, farmers, and oil and gas operators throughout the state. The KCC, however, is unaware of any estimates for how much abandoned wells cost the State of Kansas annually.

4) A detailed statement of the data and methodology used in estimating the costs used in the statement.

There is no data available to estimate the costs of leaving abandoned wells in the State of Kansas unplugged.

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