

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Department of Agriculture—Division of Water Resources

Article 14.—Enforcement and Appeals

5-14-3. Orders.

(a) An order subject to review pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, shall be issued by the chief engineer in each of the following matters:

(1) The approval or dismissal of an application to change the place of use, the point of diversion, the use made of water, or any combination of these, filed pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b and amendments thereto;

(2) the approval or dismissal of an application to appropriate water for beneficial use filed pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-711 and amendments thereto;

(3) the declaration of abandonment and termination of a water right pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-718 and amendments thereto; and

(4) the suspension of the use of water under a term permit, an approved application for a permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, an appropriation right, or a vested right, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-770 and amendments thereto.

(b) Each order that is issued pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-737, and amendments thereto, and is subject to review pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, shall be issued by the chief engineer, or the chief engineer's designee, in the assessment of civil penalty, the modification of a person's water right or permit to use water, the suspension of a person's water right or permit to use water, or any combination of these.

(c) Unless limited or prohibited by statute, any person to whom the order is directed or who has a property interest that could be adversely affected by the action or proposed action may request a review pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, without filing a request for a hearing before the chief engineer.

(d) The chief engineer shall not be required to hold a hearing before issuing an order unless required by statute.

(e)(1) Any person to whom an order will be directed may request a hearing before the chief engineer before the issuance of an order by the chief engineer. The person shall then be notified by the chief engineer that, if the request is granted by the chief engineer, the person shall not be allowed to have a second hearing before the chief engineer after the issuance of the order. Within 15 days after the notice is sent, the person shall notify the chief engineer whether the requestor wants to proceed with a hearing before the chief engineer issues the order.

(2) If a hearing is held by the chief engineer before the issuance of the order by the chief engineer and the person to whom the order is directed still desires to have the order reviewed, the person shall seek review pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, if that type of review is authorized by statute.

(f) If a person to whom an order was directed did not have a hearing before the issuance of an order, that person may request a hearing before the chief engineer after issuance of the order. The person shall submit a written request for hearing to the chief engineer within 15 days of service of the order pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, and amendments thereto. If a hearing is not requested, the person may seek review pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1901, and amendments thereto, within 30 days of service of the order pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531 and amendments thereto, if that type of review is authorized by statute. Each request for a hearing shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be filed in writing with the chief engineer within 15 days after the date of service of the order; and

(2) set forth the factual and legal basis for the hearing request. The factual basis may be stated generally and shall not be required to be specific if the written request clearly establishes the existence of disputed facts. The request for hearing may be denied if the request fails to clearly establish factual or legal issues.

(g) A request for intervention in a matter pending hearing from a person or persons other than those to whom the order is directed may be granted by the chief engineer if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The chief engineer has issued a notice of hearing.

(2) The person requesting to intervene has filed a notice with the chief engineer that the order in the pending matter could adversely affect one or more of the following:

- (A) The person's property interest in the pending matter;
- (B) the person's water right or permit to appropriate water; or
- (C) the person's statutory duty to act.

(3) The chief engineer has determined that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the intervention. (Authorized by K.S.A. 82a-706a; implementing K.S.A. 82a-706a, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 82a-708b, 82a-711, 82a-718, 82a-737, 82a-770, and 82a-1901; effective Sept. 22, 2000; amended March 20, 2009.)

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