

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 3.—Production and Conservation of Oil and Gas

82-3-208. Venting or flaring of casinghead gas.

(a) The venting or flaring of non-sour casinghead gas may be permitted by the director if the operator files an affidavit with the conservation division that states all of the following:

(1) The well produces 25 mcf/d or less of casinghead gas.

(2) The casinghead gas volume is uneconomic to market due to pipeline or marketing expenses.

(3) The operator has made a diligent effort to obtain a market for the gas.

(b) If the well produces more than 25 mcf/d, venting or flaring may be permitted only by commission order after consideration of the following:

(1) The availability of a market or of pipeline facilities;

(2) the probable recoverable gas reserves;

(3) the necessity for maintenance of reservoir gas pressure to maximize the recoverability of oil reserves from the formation;

(4) the feasibility of reinjecting the gas;

(5) a reasonable testing period;

(6) any anticipated change in the gas-to-oil ratio;

(7) the applicant's compliance with the department's applicable air quality regulations; and

(8) any other relevant fact or circumstance.

(c) Any interested party may file an application to vent or flare more than 25 mcf/d of casinghead gas. Each applicant shall file an application with the conservation division. The applicant shall publish notice of the application pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a and notice of any hearing pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135.

(d) Each application shall include a list of the persons provided notice pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a and the date that notice was provided.

(e) The volume of gas vented or flared under this regulation shall be metered, and the records shall be retained for at least two years. This information shall be reported to the commission semiannually or as designated by the commission.

(f) All gas venting or flaring shall be done in a manner designed to prevent damage to property and injury to persons who are reasonably expected to be in the vicinity for work, pleasure, or business.

(Authorized by K.S.A. 55-604, K.S.A. 55-704; implementing K.S.A. 55-604, K.S.A. 55-702, and K.S.A. 55-704; effective May 1, 1984; amended May 1, 1986; amended April 23, 1990; amended Jan. 14, 2005; amended Aug. 14, 2015.)

***** Authenticated Kansas Administrative Regulation *****