

K.A.R. 82-3-304 – TESTS OF GAS WELLS

On October 23, 2015, K.A.R. 82-3-304 was amended to no longer require an annual shut-in pressure test for gas wells. The amended regulation is as follows and can also be found in the Rules and Regulations for the Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas at http://kcc.ks.gov/conservation/cons_rr_091615.pdf

82-3-304. Tests of gas wells. (a) Initial test.

(1) Each operator shall conduct a multipoint back-pressure test and a one-point stabilized flow test, as specified in K.A.R. 82-3-303, on each gas well producing at least 250 mcf per day. The tests shall be conducted within 30 days of the first gas sales. The test results shall be filed with the commission within 60 days of the first gas sales.

(2) Each operator shall conduct a 24-hour shut-in pressure test on each gas well producing less than 250 mcf per day. Each test shall be conducted within 120 days of the first gas sales. The test results shall be filed with the commission within 150 days of the first gas sales.

(b) Annual test. Before April 1 of each calendar year, each operator shall conduct a one-point stabilized flowtest on each gas well producing at least 500 mcf per day. The test results shall be filed with the commission before May 1 of each calendar year.

(c) Test witnessing. Each test shall be conducted under the supervision of the conservation division, which may have an employee witness any test. A test of any individual well may be required by the commission at any time.

(d) Coalbed natural gas exemption.

(1) Any operator of a well producing only coalbed natural gas may seek an exemption from subsection (a) or (b) by filing an application with the conservation division stating that only coalbed natural gas is produced from the well and that testing would be physically impossible or contrary to prudent practices. No well shall be exempt unless the application has been approved by the conservation division.

(2) If the exemption is granted, the exemption shall continue in effect until the well no longer meets the criteria for exemption. The operator shall notify the conservation division immediately if the well begins producing oil or gas other than coalbed natural gas or if the well characteristics change so that testing becomes possible.