



For KCC Use:
 Effective Date: _____
 District # _____
 SGA? Yes No

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION 1065792
 OIL & GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION

Form C-1
 March 2010

Form must be Typed
 Form must be Signed
 All blanks must be Filled

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DRILL

Must be approved by KCC five (5) days prior to commencing well

Form KSONA-1, Certification of Compliance with the Kansas Surface Owner Notification Act, MUST be submitted with this form.

Expected Spud Date: _____
month day year

OPERATOR: License# _____
 Name: _____
 Address 1: _____
 Address 2: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Phone: _____

CONTRACTOR: License# _____
 Name: _____

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| Well Drilled For: | Well Class: | Type Equipment: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Enh Rec | <input type="checkbox"/> Infield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool Ext. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildcat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seismic ; _____ # of Holes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Mud Rotary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Rotary |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> If OWWO: old well information as follows: | | |

Operator: _____
 Well Name: _____
 Original Completion Date: _____ Original Total Depth: _____

Directional, Deviated or Horizontal wellbore? Yes No
 If Yes, true vertical depth: _____
 Bottom Hole Location: _____
 KCC DKT #: _____

Spot Description: _____
 _____ - _____ - _____ Sec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ E W
(Q/Q/Q/Q)
 _____ feet from N / S Line of Section
 _____ feet from E / W Line of Section
 Is SECTION: Regular Irregular?

(Note: Locate well on the Section Plat on reverse side)

County: _____
 Lease Name: _____ Well #: _____
 Field Name: _____
 Is this a Prorated / Spaced Field? Yes No
 Target Formation(s): _____
 Nearest Lease or unit boundary line (in footage): _____
 Ground Surface Elevation: _____ feet MSL
 Water well within one-quarter mile: Yes No
 Public water supply well within one mile: Yes No
 Depth to bottom of fresh water: _____
 Depth to bottom of usable water: _____
 Surface Pipe by Alternate: I II
 Length of Surface Pipe Planned to be set: _____
 Length of Conductor Pipe (if any): _____
 Projected Total Depth: _____
 Formation at Total Depth: _____
 Water Source for Drilling Operations:
 Well Farm Pond Other: _____
 DWR Permit #: _____
(Note: Apply for Permit with DWR)
 Will Cores be taken? Yes No
 If Yes, proposed zone: _____

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned hereby affirms that the drilling, completion and eventual plugging of this well will comply with K.S.A. 55 et. seq.

It is agreed that the following minimum requirements will be met:

1. Notify the appropriate district office **prior** to spudding of well;
2. A copy of the approved notice of intent to drill **shall be** posted on each drilling rig;
3. The minimum amount of surface pipe as specified below **shall be set** by circulating cement to the top; in all cases surface pipe **shall be set** through all unconsolidated materials plus a minimum of 20 feet into the underlying formation.
4. If the well is dry hole, an agreement between the operator and the district office on plug length and placement is necessary **prior to plugging**;
5. The appropriate district office will be notified before well is either plugged or production casing is cemented in;
6. If an ALTERNATE II COMPLETION, production pipe shall be cemented from below any usable water to surface within **120 DAYS** of spud date. Or pursuant to Appendix "B" - Eastern Kansas surface casing order #133,891-C, which applies to the KCC District 3 area, alternate II cementing must be completed within 30 days of the spud date or the well shall be plugged. **In all cases, NOTIFY district office** prior to any cementing.

Submitted Electronically

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| <p>For KCC Use ONLY</p> <p>API # 15 - _____</p> <p>Conductor pipe required _____ feet</p> <p>Minimum surface pipe required _____ feet per ALT. <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II</p> <p>Approved by: _____</p> <p>This authorization expires: _____ <small>(This authorization void if drilling not started within 12 months of approval date.)</small></p> <p>Spud date: _____ Agent: _____</p> |
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Remember to:

- File Certification of Compliance with the Kansas Surface Owner Notification Act (KSONA-1) with Intent to Drill;
- File Drill Pit Application (form CDP-1) with Intent to Drill;
- File Completion Form ACO-1 within 120 days of spud date;
- File acreage attribution plat according to field proration orders;
- Notify appropriate district office 48 hours prior to workover or re-entry;
- Submit plugging report (CP-4) after plugging is completed (within 60 days);
- Obtain written approval before disposing or injecting salt water.
- If well will not be drilled or permit has expired (See: authorized expiration date) please check the box below and return to the address below.

Well will not be drilled or Permit Expired Date: _____
 Signature of Operator or Agent: _____

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API # 15 - _____

IN ALL CASES PLOT THE INTENDED WELL ON THE PLAT BELOW

In all cases, please fully complete this side of the form. Include items 1 through 5 at the bottom of this page.

Operator: _____

Lease: _____

Well Number: _____

Field: _____

Number of Acres attributable to well: _____

QTR/QTR/QTR/QTR of acreage: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Location of Well: County: _____

_____ feet from N / S Line of Section

_____ feet from E / W Line of Section

Sec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ E W

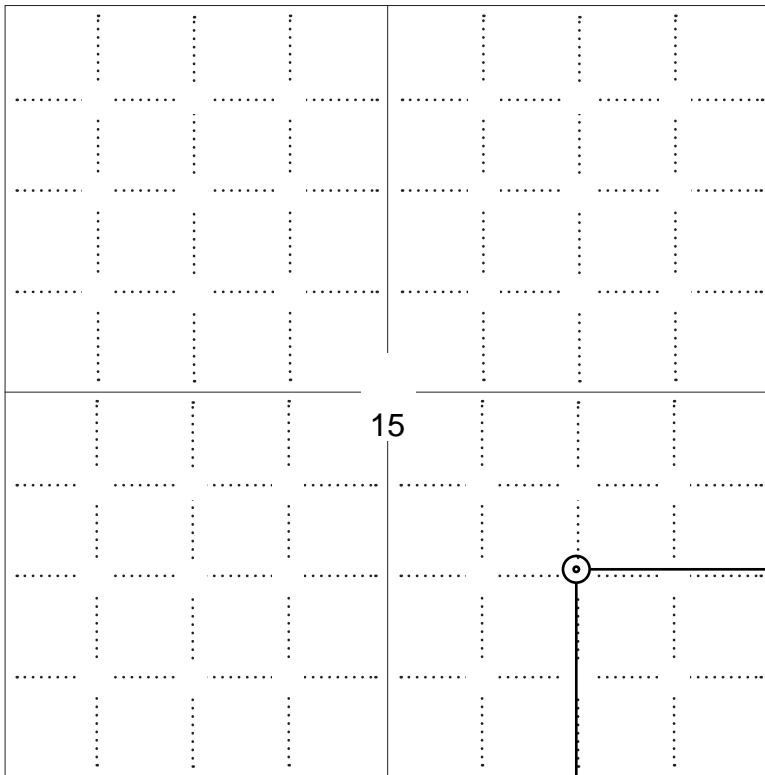
Is Section: Regular or Irregular

If Section is Irregular, locate well from nearest corner boundary.

Section corner used: NE NW SE SW

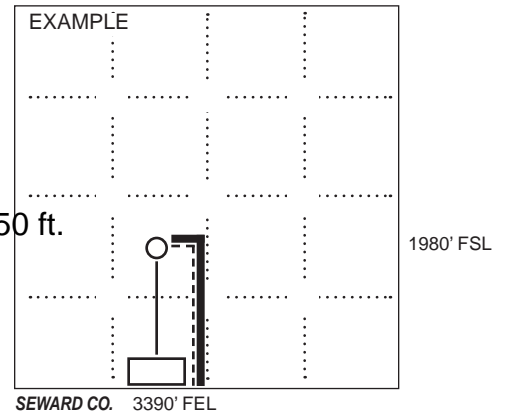
PLAT

Show location of the well. Show footage to the nearest lease or unit boundary line. Show the predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines and electrical lines, as required by the Kansas Surface Owner Notice Act (House Bill 2032). You may attach a separate plat if desired.



LEGEND

- Well Location
- Tank Battery Location
- Pipeline Location
- Electric Line Location
- Lease Road Location



NOTE: In all cases locate the spot of the proposed drilling locaton.

1425 ft.

In plotting the proposed location of the well, you must show:

1. The manner in which you are using the depicted plat by identifying section lines, i.e. 1 section, 1 section with 8 surrounding sections, 4 sections, etc.
2. The distance of the proposed drilling location from the south / north and east / west outside section lines.
3. The distance to the nearest lease or unit boundary line (in footage).
4. If proposed location is located within a prorated or spaced field a certificate of acreage attribution plat must be attached: (C0-7 for oil wells; CG-8 for gas wells).
5. The predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines, and electrical lines.



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Form CDP-1
May 2010
Form must be Typed

APPLICATION FOR SURFACE PIT

Submit in Duplicate

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| Operator Name: _____ | | License Number: _____ | |
| Operator Address: _____ | | | |
| Contact Person: _____ | | Phone Number: _____ | |
| Lease Name & Well No.: _____ | | Pit Location (QQQQ): _____-_____-_____-_____ | |
| Type of Pit: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Burn Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Settling Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Workover Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-Off Pit <i>(If WP Supply API No. or Year Drilled)</i> | | Pit is: <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Existing If Existing, date constructed: _____ Pit capacity: _____ (bbls) | |
| Is the pit located in a Sensitive Ground Water Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Chloride concentration: _____ mg/l <i>(For Emergency Pits and Settling Pits only)</i> | |
| Is the bottom below ground level? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Artificial Liner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| How is the pit lined if a plastic liner is not used? | | | |
| Pit dimensions (all but working pits): _____ Length (feet) _____ Width (feet) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A: Steel Pits Depth from ground level to deepest point: _____ (feet) <input type="checkbox"/> No Pit | | | |
| If the pit is lined give a brief description of the liner material, thickness and installation procedure. | | Describe procedures for periodic maintenance and determining liner integrity, including any special monitoring. | |
| Distance to nearest water well within one-mile of pit: _____ feet Depth of water well _____ feet | | Depth to shallowest fresh water _____ feet. Source of information: <input type="checkbox"/> measured <input type="checkbox"/> well owner <input type="checkbox"/> electric log <input type="checkbox"/> KDWR | |
| Emergency, Settling and Burn Pits ONLY: Producing Formation: _____ Number of producing wells on lease: _____ Barrels of fluid produced daily: _____ Does the slope from the tank battery allow all spilled fluids to flow into the pit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Drilling, Workover and Haul-Off Pits ONLY: Type of material utilized in drilling/workover: _____ Number of working pits to be utilized: _____ Abandonment procedure: _____ _____ Drill pits must be closed within 365 days of spud date. | |
| <p>Submitted Electronically</p> | | | |

KCC OFFICE USE ONLY

Liner Steel Pit RFAC RFAS

Date Received: _____ Permit Number: _____ Permit Date: _____ Lease Inspection: Yes No



CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE KANSAS SURFACE OWNER NOTIFICATION ACT

This form must be submitted with all Forms C-1 (Notice of Intent to Drill); CB-1 (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent); T-1 (Request for Change of Operator Transfer of Injection or Surface Pit Permit); and CP-1 (Well Plugging Application). Any such form submitted without an accompanying Form KSONA-1 will be returned.

Select the corresponding form being filed: C-1 (Intent) CB-1 (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent) T-1 (Transfer) CP-1 (Plugging Application)

OPERATOR: License # _____
Name: _____
Address 1: _____
Address 2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____
Email Address: _____

Well Location: _____
____ - ____ - ____ - ____ Sec. ____ Twp. ____ S. R. ____ East West
County: _____
Lease Name: _____ Well #: _____

If filing a Form T-1 for multiple wells on a lease, enter the legal description of the lease below:

Surface Owner Information:

Name: _____
Address 1: _____
Address 2: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____

When filing a Form T-1 involving multiple surface owners, attach an additional sheet listing all of the information to the left for each surface owner. Surface owner information can be found in the records of the register of deeds for the county, and in the real estate property tax records of the county treasurer.

If this form is being submitted with a Form C-1 (Intent) or CB-1 (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent), you must supply the surface owners and the KCC with a plat showing the predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines, and electrical lines. The locations shown on the plat are preliminary non-binding estimates. The locations may be entered on the Form C-1 plat, Form CB-1 plat, or a separate plat may be submitted.

Select one of the following:

- I certify that, pursuant to the Kansas Surface Owner Notice Act (House Bill 2032), I have provided the following to the surface owner(s) of the land upon which the subject well is or will be located: 1) a copy of the Form C-1, Form CB-1, Form T-1, or Form CP-1 that I am filing in connection with this form; 2) if the form being filed is a Form C-1 or Form CB-1, the plat(s) required by this form; and 3) my operator name, address, phone number, fax, and email address.
- I have not provided this information to the surface owner(s). I acknowledge that, because I have not provided this information, the KCC will be required to send this information to the surface owner(s). To mitigate the additional cost of the KCC performing this task, I acknowledge that I am being charged a \$30.00 handling fee, payable to the KCC, which is enclosed with this form.

If choosing the second option, submit payment of the \$30.00 handling fee with this form. If the fee is not received with this form, the KSONA-1 form and the associated Form C-1, Form CB-1, Form T-1, or Form CP-1 will be returned.

I Submitted Electronically

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OIL AND GAS LEASE

AGREEMENT, Made and entered into the 3rd day of September 2010

by and between Phil C. Schmeidler and Brenda S. Schmeidler husband and wife

whose mailing address is 2320 Catherine Road, Hays, KS 67601 hereinafter called Lessor (whether one or more), and High Plains Energy Partners, LLC 1515 Wynkoop, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202 hereinafter called Lessee:

Lessor, in consideration of Ten and Other Valuable Considerations Dollars (\$ 10.00) in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and of the royalties herein provided and of the agreements of the lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring by geophysical and other means, prospecting drilling, mining and operating for and producing oil, liquid hydrocarbons, all gases, and their respective constituent products, injecting gas, water, other fluids, and air into subsurface strata, laying pipe lines, storing oil, building tanks, power stations, telephone lines, and other structures and things thereon to produce, save, take care of treat, manufacture, process, store and transport said oil, liquid hydrocarbons, gases and their respective constituent products and other products manufactured therefrom, and housing and otherwise caring for its employees, the following described land, together with any reversionary rights and after-acquired interest,

herein situated in County of Ellis State of Kansas described as follows to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.

In Section 15 Township 12 South Range 17 West and containing 120.00 acres, more or less, and all accretions thereto.

Subject to the provisions herein contained, this lease shall remain in force for a term of Three (3) years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, liquid hydrocarbons, gas or other respective constituent products, or any of them, is produced from said land or land pooled therewith or this lease is otherwise maintained in effect pursuant to the provisions hereof.

In consideration of the premises the said lessee covenants and agrees:

1st. To deliver to the credit of Lessor, free of cost, in the pipe line to which Lessee may connect wells on said land, the equal one-eighth (1/8) part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

2nd. To pay Lessor for gas, (including casinghead gas) of whatsoever nature or kind produced and sold, or used off the premises, or used in the manufacture of any products therefrom, one-eighth (1/8), at the market price at the well, (but, as to gas sold by Lessee, in no event more than one-eighth (1/8) of the net proceeds received by Lessee from such sales, such net proceeds to be less a proportionate part of the production, severance, or other excise taxes and the cost incurred by Lessee in delivering, treating for the removal of nitrogen, helium or other impurities in the gas, processing, compressing, or otherwise making any such gas merchantable) for the gas sold, used off the premises, or in the manufacture of products therefrom, said payments to be made monthly.

This lease may be maintained during the primary term hereof without further payment or drilling operations. If at the expiration of the primary term of this lease, oil or gas is not being produced on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith but Lessee is then engaged in drilling, reworking operations thereon, then this lease shall continue in force so long as operations are being continuously prosecuted on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith; and operations shall be considered to be continuously prosecuted if not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days shall elapse between the completion or abandonment of one well and the beginning of operations for the drilling of a subsequent well. If after discovery of oil or gas on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith, the production should cease from any cause after the primary term, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of cessation of production or from the date of completion of a dry hole. If oil or gas shall be discovered and produced as a result of such operations, this lease shall continue in full force and effect so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith.

If after the primary term one or more wells on the lease premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith are capable of producing oil or gas or other substances covered hereby, but such well or wells are either shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, such well or wells shall nevertheless be deemed to be producing for the purpose of maintaining the lease. If for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days such well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not sold by Lessee, the Lessee shall pay an aggregate shut-in royalty of One Dollar (\$1.00) per acre then covered by this lease, such payment to be made to Lessor on or before the anniversary date of this lease next ensuing after the expiration of the said ninety (90) day period and thereafter on or before each anniversary date of this lease while the well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee; provided that if this lease is in its primary term due until the end of the next following anniversary date of this lease that cessation of such operations or production occurs, as the case may be. Lessee's failure to properly pay shut-in royalty shall render Lessee liable for the amount due, but shall not operate to terminate this lease.

If said lessor owns a less interest in the above described land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties (including any shut-in royalties) herein provided for shall be paid the said lessor only in the proportion which lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

Lessee shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on said land for lessee's operation thereon, except water from the wells of lessor.

When requested by lessor, lessee shall bury lessee's pipe lines below plow depth.

No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to the house or barn now on said premises without written consent of lessor.

Lessee shall pay for damages caused by lessee's operations to growing crops on said land.

Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said premises, including the right to draw and remove casing.

If the estate of either party hereto is assigned, and the privilege of assigning in whole or in part is expressly allowed, the covenants hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, but no change in the ownership of the land or assignment of rentals or royalties shall be binding on the lessee until after the lessee has been furnished with a written transfer or assignment or a true copy thereof. In case lessee assigns this lease, in whole or in part, lessee shall be relieved of all obligations with respect to the assigned portion or portions arising subsequent to the date of assignment.

Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to lessor or place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the above described premises and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions and be relieved of all obligations as to the acreage surrendered.

All express or implied covenants of this lease shall be subject to all Federal and State Laws, Executive Orders, Rules or Regulations, and this lease shall not be terminated, in whole or in part, nor lessee held liable in damages, for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or if such failure is the result of, any such Law, Order, Rule or Regulation, including restrictions on the drilling and production of wells, and regulation of the price or transportation of oil, gas or other substance covered hereby. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations or obligations under this lease are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightening, fire, storm, flood or other act of nature, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production, or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within control of Lessee, this lease shall not terminate because of such prevention or delay, and, at Lessee's option, the period of such prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable for breach of any provision or implied covenants of this lease when drilling, production, or other operations are so prevented or delayed.

Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the lessee shall have the right at any time to redeem for lessor, by payment any mortgages, taxes or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof, and the undersigned lessors, for homestead may in any way affect the purposes for which this lease is made, as recited herein.

Lessee, at its option, is hereby given the right and power to pool, unitize or combine the acreage covered by this lease or any portion thereof with other land, lease or leases in the immediate vicinity thereof, when in lessee's judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order to properly develop and operate said lease premises so as to promote the conservation of oil, gas or other minerals in and under and that may be produced from said premises, such pooling or unitization to be of tracts contiguous to one another and to be into a unit or units not exceeding 40 acres each in the event of an oil well, or into a unit or units not exceeding 640 acres each in the event of a gas well. Lessee shall execute in writing and record in the conveyance records of the county in which the land herein leased is situated an instrument identifying and describing the pooled or unitized acreage. The entire acreage so pooled or unitized into a tract or unit shall be treated, for all purposes except the payment of royalties on production from the pooled unit, as if it were included in this lease. If production is found on the pooled or unitized acreage, it shall receive on production from a unit so pooled only such portion of the royalty stipulated herein as the amount of his acreage placed in the unit or his royalty interest therein on an acreage basis bears to the total acreage so pooled or unitized in the particular unit involved.

This lease may be signed in any number or numbers of counterparts and shall be effective as to each Lessor on execution hereof as to his or her interest and shall be binding on those signing, notwithstanding some of the Lessors above named who may not have joined in the execution hereof. The word "Lessor" as used in this lease shall mean the party or parties who execute this lease as Lessor, although not named above.

Lessee shall have the exclusive right to explore the land herein described by geological, geophysical or other methods, whether similar to those herein specified or not and whether now known or not, including the drilling of holes, use of torsion balance, seismograph explosions, magnetometer, or other geophysical or geological instruments, tests or procedures, for the purpose of securing geological and geophysical information. All information obtained by Lessee as a result of such activity shall be the exclusive property of Lessee, and Lessee may disseminate or sell such information without Lessor's consent. Lessor and Lessee herein agree that a portion of the consideration paid herein is for advance payment of usual and customary damages associated with seismograph operations (ie: tire tracks in the wheat, pasture or field, road use, compaction etc.) If any extraordinary damages should occur, at Lessor's discretion, Lessor or its tenant (if Lessor has a tenant) will be compensated accordingly, or Lessee may elect to repair the damages in lieu of compensation.

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned execute this instrument as of the day and year first above written.

Witnesses:

Witness line 1

Phil C Schmeidler PHIL C. SCHMEIDLER

Brenda S Schmeidler BRENDAS. SCHMEIDLER

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EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that Certain Oil and Gas Lease dated September 3rd, 2010, by and between, PHIL C. SCHMEIDLER, ET UX, as Lessor, and High Plains Energy Partners, LLC, as Lessee.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH – RANGE 17 WEST

SECTION 15:

These certain tracts or parcels of land estimated to contain **120.00 acres**, more or less, and being described as the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4 of the SE/4) and The North half of the Southeast Quarter ✓
(N/2 of the SE/4) of Section 15, Township 12 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas. ✓

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS:

1. The provisions of this EXHIBIT "A" shall control and supersede the terms of the attached oil and gas lease when such terms conflict.
2. Lessee shall bury and maintain all pipelines below ordinary plow depth (36").
3. Lessee shall pay all damages, caused by Lessee's operations hereunder to crops, including grass, and restore as nearly as practical, said premises to the same conditions and contour as previously existed, upon termination of this lease.
4. Lessee is hereby granted the option to extend the primary term of this lease for an additional two (2) years from the expiration of the original primary term. This option may be exercised by Lessee, in total, on or before the expiration date of lease by paying and delivering to Lessor at the above address, the sum of \$15.00 per acre covered by the lease. In the event Lessee exercises this option, Lessee must renew all acreage covered by this lease. Should this option be exercised as herein provided, it shall be considered for all purposes as though this lease originally provided for a term of five (5) years.

OIL AND GAS LEASE

AGREEMENT, Made and entered into the 27th day of August 2008

by and between VFM HOLDING COMPANY, "A TRUST," dated November 12, 1991,

herein represented by Deanna L. Miller, as trustee

whose mailing address is 2310 Buckeye Road, Victoria, Kansas 67671 hereinafter called Lessor (whether one or more),

and High Plains Energy Partners, LLC
1560 Broadway, Suite 2100, Denver, CO 80202 hereinafter called Lessee:

Lessor, in consideration of Ten and Other Valuable Considerations Dollars (\$ 10.00) in hand paid, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and of the royalties herein provided and of the agreements of the Lessee herein contained, hereby grants, leases and lets exclusively unto Lessee for the purpose of investigating, exploring by geophysical and other means, prospecting, drilling, mining and operating for and producing oil, liquid hydrocarbons, all gases, and their respective constituent products, injecting gas, water, other fluids, and air into subsurface strata, laying pipe lines, storing oil, building tanks, power stations, telephone lines, and other structures and things thereon to produce, save, take care of, treat, manufacture, process, store and transport said oil, liquid hydrocarbons, gases and their respective constituent products and other products manufactured therefrom, and housing and otherwise caring for its employees, the following described land, together with any reversionary rights and after-acquired interest,

therein situated in County of Ellis State of Kansas described as follows to-wit:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR PROPERTY DESCRIPTION.

In Section 15 Township 12 South Range 17 West and containing 40.00 acres, more or less, and all accretions thereto.

Subject to the provisions herein contained, this lease shall remain in force for a term of Three (3) years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, liquid hydrocarbons, gas or other respective constituent products, or any of them, is produced from said land or land pooled therewith or this lease is otherwise maintained in effect pursuant to the provisions hereof.

In consideration of the premises the said Lessee covenants and agrees:

1st. To deliver to the credit of Lessor, free of cost, in the pipe line to which Lessee may connect wells on said land, the equal one-eighth (1/8) part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises.

2nd. To pay Lessor for gas, (including casinghead gas) of whatsoever nature or kind produced and sold, or used off the premises, or used in the manufacture of any products therefrom, one-eighth (1/8), at the market price at the well, (but, as to gas sold by Lessee, in no event more than one-eighth (1/8) of the net proceeds received by Lessee from such sales, such net proceeds to be less a proportionate part of the production, severance, or other excise taxes and the cost incurred by Lessee in delivering, treating for the removal of nitrogen, helium or other impurities in the gas, processing, compressing, or otherwise making any such gas merchantable) for the gas sold, used off the premises, or in the manufacture of products therefrom, said payments to be made monthly.

This lease may be maintained during the primary term hereof without further payment or drilling operations. If at the expiration of the primary term of this lease, oil or gas is not being produced on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith but Lessee is then engaged in drilling, reworking operations thereon, then this lease shall continue in force so long as operations are being continuously prosecuted on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith; and operations shall be considered to be continuously prosecuted if not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days shall elapse between the completion or abandonment of one well and the beginning of operations for the drilling of a subsequent well. If after discovery of oil or gas on the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith, the production should cease from any cause after the primary term, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences additional drilling or reworking operations within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of cessation of production or from the date of completion of a dry hole. If oil or gas shall be discovered and produced as a result of such operations, this lease shall continue in full force and effect so long as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises or on acreage pooled or unitized therewith.

If after the primary term one or more wells on the lease premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith are capable of producing oil or gas or other substances covered hereby, but such well or wells consecutive days such well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee, such well or wells shall nevertheless be deemed to be producing for the purpose of maintaining the lease. If for a period of ninety (90) days payment to be made to Lessor on or before the anniversary date of this lease next ensuing after the expiration of the said ninety (90) day period and thereafter on or before each anniversary date of this lease while the well or wells are shut in or production therefrom is not being sold by Lessee; provided that if this lease is in its primary term or otherwise being maintained by operations, or if production is being sold by Lessee from another well on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, no shut-in royalty shall be due until the end of the next following anniversary date of this lease that cessation of such operations or production occurs, as the case may be. Lessee's failure to properly pay shut-in royalty shall render Lessee liable for the amount due, but shall not operate to terminate this lease.

If said Lessor owns a less interest in the above described land than the entire and undivided fee simple estate therein, then the royalties (including any shut-in royalties) herein provided for shall be paid the said Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

Lessee shall have the right to use, free of cost, gas, oil and water produced on said land for Lessee's operation thereon, except water from the wells of Lessor.

When requested by Lessor, Lessee shall bury Lessee's pipe lines below plow depth.

No well shall be drilled nearer than 200 feet to the house or barn now on said premises without written consent of Lessor.

Lessee shall pay for damages caused by Lessee's operations to growing crops on said land.

Lessee shall have the right at any time to remove all machinery and fixtures placed on said premises, including the right to draw and remove casing.

If the estate of either party hereto is assigned, and the privilege of assigning in whole or in part is expressly allowed, the covenants hereof shall extend to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns, but no change in the ownership of the land or assignment of rentals or royalties shall be binding on the Lessee until after the Lessee has been furnished with a written transfer or assignment of a true copy thereof. In case Lessee assigns this lease, in whole or in part, Lessee shall be relieved of all obligations with respect to the assigned portion or portions arising subsequent to the date of assignment.

Lessee may at any time execute and deliver to Lessor or place of record a release or releases covering any portion or portions of the above described premises and thereby surrender this lease as to such portion or portions and be relieved of all obligations as to the acreage surrendered.

All express or implied covenants of this lease shall be subject to all Federal and State Laws, Executive Orders, Rules or Regulations, and this lease shall not be terminated, in whole or in part, nor Lessee held liable in damages, for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or if such failure is the result of, any such Law, Order, Rule or Regulation, including restrictions on the drilling and production of wells, and regulation of the price or transportation of oil, gas or other substance covered hereby. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations or obligations under this lease are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by an act of God, strike, lockout, or other industrial disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, blockade, public riot, lightning, fire, storm, flood or other act of nature, explosion, governmental action, governmental delay, restraint or inaction, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production, or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause, whether of the kind specifically enumerated above or otherwise, which is not reasonably within control of Lessee, this lease shall not terminate because of such prevention or delay, and, at Lessee's option, the period of such prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable for breach of any provision or implied covenants of this lease when drilling, production, or other operations are so prevented or delayed.

Lessor hereby warrants and agrees to defend the title to the lands herein described, and agrees that the Lessee shall have the right at any time to redeem for Lessor, by payment any mortgages, taxes or other liens on the above described lands, in the event of default of payment by Lessor, and be subrogated to the rights of the holder thereof, and the undersigned Lessors, for themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby surrender and release all right of dower and homestead in the premises described herein, in so far as said right of dower and homestead may in any way affect the purposes for which this lease is made, as recited herein.

Lessee, at its option, is hereby given the right and power to pool, unitize or combine the acreage covered by this lease or any portion thereof with other land, lease or leases in the immediate vicinity thereof, when in Lessee's judgment it is necessary or advisable to do so in order to properly develop and operate said lease premises so as to promote the conservation of oil, gas or other minerals in and under and that may be produced from said premises, such pooling or unitization to be of tracts contiguous to one another and to be into a unit or units not exceeding 40 acres each in the event of an oil well, or into a unit or units not exceeding 640 acres each in the event of a gas well. Lessee shall execute in writing and record in the conveyance records of the county in which the land herein leased is situated an instrument identifying and describing the pooled or unitized acreage. The entire acreage so pooled or unitized into a tract or unit shall be treated, for all purposes except the payment of royalties on production from the pooled unit, as if it were included in this lease. If production is found on the pooled or unitized acreage, it shall be treated as if production is had from this lease, whether the well or wells be located on the premises covered by this lease or not. In lieu of the royalties elsewhere herein specified, Lessor shall receive on production from a unit so pooled only such portion of the royalty stipulated herein as the amount of his acreage placed in the unit or his royalty interest therein on an acreage basis bears to the total acreage so pooled or unitized in the particular unit involved.

Lessor agrees to give written notice to Lessee, if, during the primary term of this lease, Lessor receives a bona fide offer which Lessor is willing to accept from any party offering to purchase from Lessor, a lease covering any or all of the substances covered by this lease and covering all or a portion of said land herein, with the lease becoming effective upon expiration of this lease. Lessor hereby agrees to notify Lessee in writing of said offer immediately, including in the notice the name and address of the offeror, the price offered and all other pertinent terms and conditions of the offer. Lessee, for a period of fifteen days after receipt of the notice, shall have the prior and preferred right and option to purchase the lease or part thereof or interest therein, covered by the offer at the price and according to the terms and conditions specified in the offer. All offers made up to and including the last day of the primary term of this lease shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this paragraph. Should Lessee elect to purchase the lease pursuant to the terms, hereto, it shall so notify Lessor in writing by mail or telegram prior to expiration of said 15-day period. Lessee shall promptly thereafter furnish to Lessor the new lease for execution on behalf of Lessor along with Lessee's collection draft payable to Lessor in payment of the specified amount as consideration for the new lease, such draft being subject only to approval of title according to the terms thereof. Upon receipt thereof, Lessor shall promptly execute said lease and return the same along with the endorsed draft to Lessee's representative or through Lessor's bank of record for payment.

This lease may be signed in any number or numbers of counterparts and shall be effective as to each Lessor on execution hereof as to his or her interest and shall be binding on those signing, notwithstanding some of the Lessors above named who may not have joined in the execution hereof. The word "Lessor" as used in this lease shall mean the party or parties who execute this lease as Lessor, although not named above.

Lessee shall have the exclusive right to explore the land herein described by geological, geophysical or other methods, whether similar to those herein specified or not and whether now known or not, including the drilling of holes, use of torsion balance, seismograph explosions, magnetometer, or other geophysical or geological instruments, tests or procedures, for the purpose of securing geological and geophysical information. All information obtained by Lessee as a result of such activity shall be the exclusive property of Lessee, and Lessee may disseminate or sell such information without Lessor's consent. Lessor and Lessee herein agree that a portion of the consideration paid herein is for advance payment of usual and customary damages associated with seismograph operations (i.e.: tire tracks in the wheat, pasture or field, road use, compaction etc.). If any extraordinary damages should occur, at Lessor's discretion, Lessor or its tenant (if Lessor has a tenant) will be compensated accordingly, or Lessee may elect to repair the damages in lieu of compensation.

Lessor (and Lessee) herein agree to less and except from the terms of this Oil and Gas Lease any currently existing oil and/or gas well(s), bore hole(s) or other related facilities located on the hereinabove described lease premises. Lessor further agrees that Lessee shall not be liable nor shall Lessee have the obligation to plug and abandon any of said existing oil and/or gas wells(s), bore hole(s) or related facilities.

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned execute this instrument as of the day and year first above written.

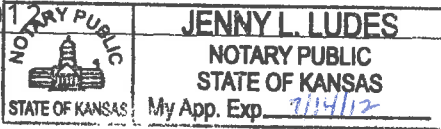
Witnesses:

Deanna L. Miller

DEANNA L. MILLER, as trustee of the VFM HOLDING COMPANY, "A TRUST," dated November 12, 1991

STATE OF Kansas
 COUNTY OF Ellis ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL (KsOkCoNe)
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27 day of August, 2008
 by Deanna L. Miller, as trustee and _____

My commission expires July 14, 2012



Jenny L. Ludes
 Notary Public
 Jenny L. Ludes

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____ ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL (KsOkCoNe)
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
 by _____ and _____

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____ ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL (KsOkCoNe)
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
 by _____ and _____

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____ ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL (KsOkCoNe)
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,
 by _____ and _____

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

No. _____
OIL AND GAS LEASE
 FROM _____
 TO _____
 Date _____
 Section _____ Twp. _____ Rge. _____
 No. of Acres _____ Term _____ County _____
 STATE OF Kansas
 County Ellis
 This instrument was filed for record on the 27
 day of October, 2008
 at 10:45 o'clock A.M., and duly recorded
 in Book 704 Page 296 of
 the records of this office.
 By Rebecca Hargreaves Registered
716.00
 When recorded, return to Acadian Land Services

STATE OF _____
 COUNTY OF _____ ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR CORPORATION (KsOkCoNe)
 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____
 by _____
 of _____ a _____
 corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

My commission expires _____

Notary Public

EXHIBIT "A"

Attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated August 27, 2008, by and between, VFM HOLDING COMPANY, "A TRUST," as Lessor, and HIGH PLAINS ENERGY PARTNERS, LLC, as Lessee.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH – RANGE 17 WEST

SECTION 15:

That certain tract or parcel of land estimated to contain **40.00 acres**, more or less, and being described as the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of the SE/4) of Section 15, Township 12 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas.

It is the intention of this lease to cover and include any mineral interest which the Lessor may own in and to the above described tract, including streets, roads, canals, drainage ditches, rights of way or other servitudes, including, but not limited to, any reversionary interest which Lessor may acquire in the same, by prescription of nonuse.

ADDITIONAL TERMS AND PROVISIONS:

1. The provisions of this **EXHIBIT "A"** shall control and supersede the terms of the attached oil and gas lease when such terms conflict.
2. Lessee shall bury and maintain all pipelines below ordinary plow depth (36").
3. Lessee shall pay all damages, caused by Lessee's operations hereunder to crops, including grass, and restore as nearly as practical, said premises to the same conditions and contour as previously existed, upon termination of this lease.
4. Lessee is hereby granted the option to extend the primary term of this lease for an additional two (2) years from the expiration of the original primary term. This option may be exercised by Lessee, in total, on or before the expiration date of lease by paying and delivering to Lessor at the above address, the sum of \$15.00 per acre covered by the lease. In the event Lessee exercises this option, Lessee must renew all acreage covered by this lease. Should this option be exercised as herein provided, it shall be considered for all purposes as though this lease originally provided for a term of five (5) years.

OPERATOR : Samuel Gary Jr & Associates, Inc 1515 Wynkoop Street, Suite 700
Denver, Colorado 80202 office :303-831-4673 ; fax :303-863-7285

WELL NAME : SCHMEIDLER ET AL 1-15

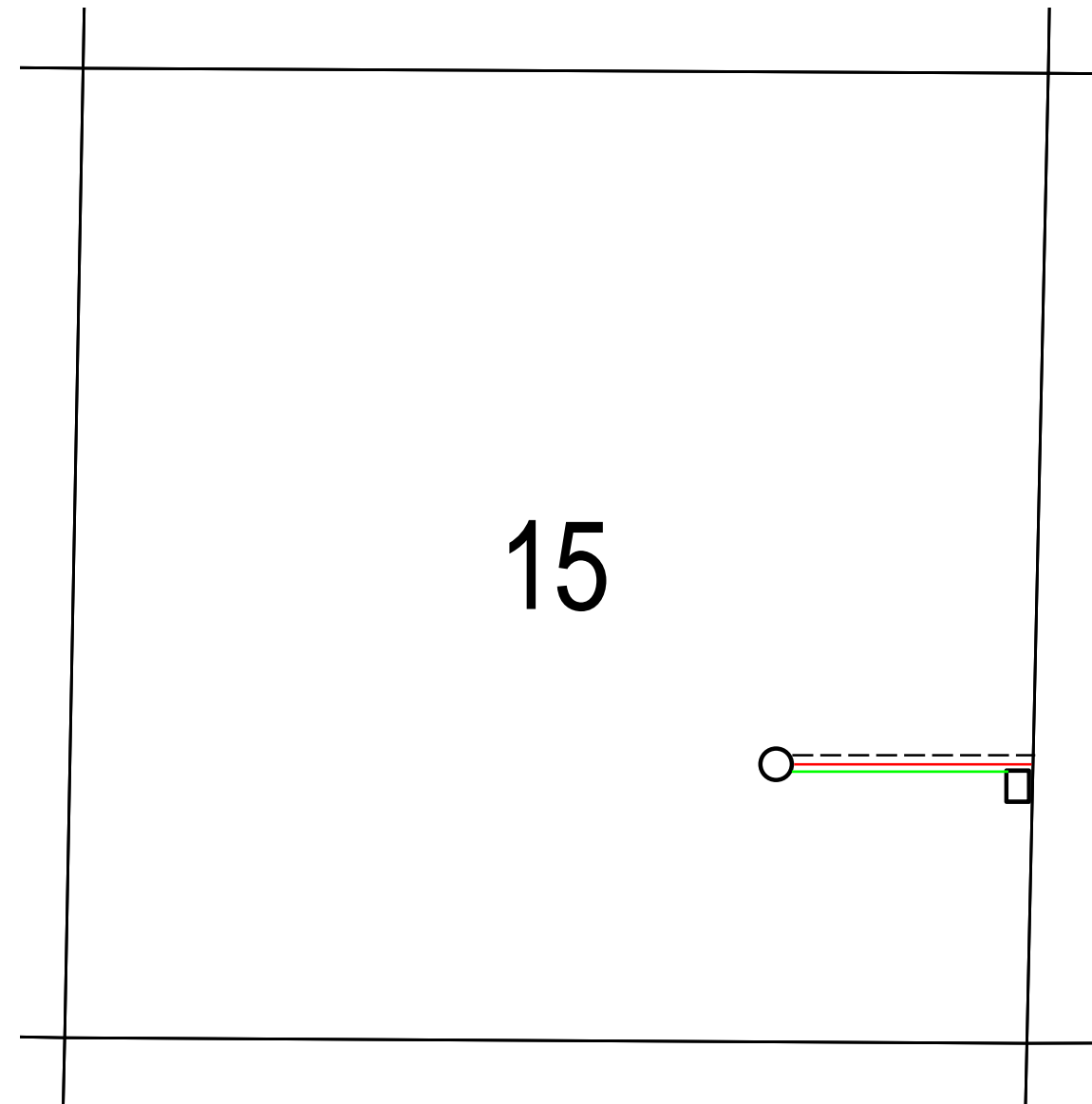
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
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2320 Catherine Road
Hays, KS 67601

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-  ESTIMATED LOCATION OF TANK BATTERY
-  ESTIMATED LOCATION OF FLOW LINES
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-  ESTIMATED LEASE ROAD