

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
OIL & GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION

TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT WELL APPLICATION

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

API No. 15- _____
 Spot Description: _____
 _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Sec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ E W
 _____ feet from N / S Line of Section
 _____ feet from E / W Line of Section
 GPS Location: Lat: _____, Long: _____
(e.g. xx.xxxxx) (e.g. -xxx.xxxxx)
 Datum: NAD27 NAD83 WGS84
 County: _____ Elevation: _____ GL KB
 Lease Name: _____ Well #: _____
 Well Type: (check one) Oil Gas OG WSW Other: _____
 SWD Permit #: _____ ENHR Permit #: _____
 Gas Storage Permit #: _____
 Spud Date: _____ Date Shut-In: _____

	Conductor	Surface	Production	Intermediate	Liner	Tubing
Size						
Setting Depth						
Amount of Cement						
Top of Cement						
Bottom of Cement						

Casing Fluid Level from Surface: _____ How Determined? _____ Date: _____
 Casing Squeeze(s): _____ to _____ w / _____ sacks of cement, _____ to _____ w / _____ sacks of cement. Date: _____
(top) (bottom) (top) (bottom)
 Do you have a valid Oil & Gas Lease? Yes No
 Depth and Type: Junk in Hole at _____ Tools in Hole at _____ Casing Leaks: Yes No Depth of casing leak(s): _____
(depth) (depth)
 Type Completion: ALT. I ALT. II Depth of: DV Tool: _____ w / _____ sacks of cement Port Collar: _____ w / _____ sack of cement
(depth) (depth)
 Packer Type: _____ Size: _____ Inch Set at: _____ Feet
 Total Depth: _____ Plug Back Depth: _____ Plug Back Method: _____

Geological Data:

Formation Name	Formation Top	Formation Base	Completion Information
1. _____	At: _____	to _____ Feet	Perforation Interval _____ to _____ Feet or Open Hole Interval _____ to _____ Feet
2. _____	At: _____	to _____ Feet	Perforation Interval _____ to _____ Feet or Open Hole Interval _____ to _____ Feet

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

Submitted Electronically

Do NOT Write in This Space - KCC USE ONLY	Date Tested: _____	Results: _____	Date Plugged: _____	Date Repaired: _____	Date Put Back in Service: _____
	Review Completed by: _____ Comments: _____				
TA Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Denied Date: _____					

Mail to the Appropriate KCC Conservation Office:

	KCC District Office #1 - 210 E. Frontview, Suite A, Dodge City, KS 67801	Phone 620.682.7933
	KCC District Office #2 - 3450 N. Rock Road, Building 600, Suite 601, Wichita, KS 67226	Phone 316.337.7400
	KCC District Office #3 - 137 E. 21st St., Chanute, KS 66720	Phone 620.902.6450
	KCC District Office #4 - 2301 E. 13th Street, Hays, KS 67601-2651	Phone 785.261.6250

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application of Merit Energy) Docket No. 15-CONS-171-CEXC
Company for an Exception to the 10-year Time)
Limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Stanton A-2) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Well in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest)
Quarter of Section 14, Township 29 South, Range 34) License No. 32446
West, Haskell County, Kansas.

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. JURISDICTION

1. K.S.A. 74-623 provides that the Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities, with licensing authority under K.S.A. 55-155.

2. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice.

3. K.A.R. 82-3-111 requires wells that are inactive for more than 90 days to be plugged or approved for temporary abandonment (“TA”) status. The regulations provides that wells having been shut-in for more than 10 years shall not be approved TA status without Commission approval of an application for an exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

4. Commission records indicate the operator is currently licensed to conduct oil and gas activities in Kansas under K.S.A. 55-155.

5. The above-captioned operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the subject well(s).

6. The operator has verified that notice was properly served and published, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a, at least 15 days before the issuance of this Order.

7. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

8. The operator successfully tested the subject well(s) for mechanical integrity.

9. Commission Staff met internally and reviewed the application. Staff determined that the application and the mechanical integrity test(s) were sufficient to support the administrative grant of this application. Accordingly, Staff has proposed to the Commission this Order granting the application without the need for a hearing.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. The Commission has jurisdiction over the operator and this matter.

11. The application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and Kansas statutes.

12. Notice was properly served and published.

13. Based on the available facts, the Commission finds that the application should be granted to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, because the operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the well(s), and there is not a present a threat to fresh and usable water.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The application for an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the subject well(s) is granted for three years. The operator must file annual TA forms for the subject well(s). The first TA form(s) shall be filed within 30 days.

B. This Order is a summary proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, which provides in paragraph (b)(4) that summary proceedings are not effective until the time for requesting a hearing has expired. K.S.A. 77-542 provides that a request for hearing shall be filed within 15 days of any agency notice resulting in a right to request a hearing. If service of this Order is by mail, three days are added to the deadline. Any party taking an action permitted by this summary proceeding before the deadline for requesting a hearing has expired shall be deemed to have waived their right to a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-504.

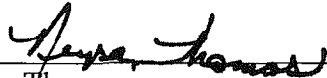
C. Any party affected by this Order may file with the Commission a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529(a). The petition shall be filed within 15 days after service of this Order. If service of this Order is by mail, three days are added to the deadline. The petition shall be addressed to the Commission and sent to 266 N. Main, Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Pursuant to K.S.A. 55-606, K.S.A. 66-118b, and K.S.A. 77-529(a), reconsideration is prerequisite for judicial review of this Order. Any party taking an action permitted by this summary proceeding before the deadline for a petition for reconsideration does so at their own risk of further proceedings.

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties and may enter additional orders as it deems appropriate.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Date: JAN 22 2015



Neysa Thomas
Acting Secretary

Date Mailed: 1/23/2015

LRP I CERTIFY THE ORIGINAL
COPY IS ON FILE WITH
The State Corporation Commission

JAN 22 2015


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on 1/23/2015, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

Stanford J. Smith, Jr.
Martin, Pringle, Oliver, Wallace & Bauer, L.L.P.
100 North Broadway, Suite 500
Wichita, Kansas 67202
Attorney for Merit Energy Company

Arlene Valliquette
Merit Energy Company, LLC
13727 Noel Road Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75240

Stephen Pfeifer, KCC District #1
210 E. Frontview, Suite A
Dodge City, KS 67801

/s/ Lane Palmateer
Lane Palmateer
Litigation Counsel
Kansas Corporation Commission

KCC OIL/GAS REGULATORY OFFICES

Date: 12/03/14

District: 01

Case #: _____

- New Situation
- Response to Request
- Follow-Up

- Lease Inspection
- Complaint
- Field Report

Operator License No: 32446
Op Name: Merit Energy Company LLC
Address 1: 13727 Noel Road, Ste 1200
Address 2: _____
City: Dallas
State: Texas Zip Code: 75240 -
Operator Phone #: (972) 628-1659

API Well Number: 15-081-20916-00-00
Spot: SE NW SE SW Sec 14 Twp 29 S Rng 34 E / W
660 (699) Feet from N / S Line of Section
1980 (1963) Feet from E / W Line of Section
GPS: Lat: 37.52041 Long: 101.01025 Date: 12/3/14
Lease Name: Stanton A Well #: 2
County: Haskell

Reason for Investigation:

Company requested state witness for 10 year TA casing test

Problem:

None

Persons Contacted:

Jimmy Welch on location

Findings:

11:20am
TD: 5600'
Surface Casing: 8.625" @ 1783'
Production Casing: 5.500" @ 4911' (TOC 3900')
Port Collar @ 2919' w/ 90sx cement TOC 2260'
Morrow Perfs: 5308'-5319'
CIBP @ 4855'
Marmaton Perfs: 4678'-4698'
CIBP @ 4655'
KC Perfs: 4590'-4600'
Squeezed Casing leaks 3125'-3458' Drilled out to 3020'

Chaosland pressured 5.50" casing to 315psi and held for 30 minutes

Action/Recommendations:

Follow Up Required Yes No

Date: _____

Satisfactory casing test

Entered in RBDMS 12/4/14 mp

Verification Sources:

- RBDMS
- T-I Database
- Other: on-site witness
- KGS
- District Files
- TA Program
- Courthouse

Photos Taken: 0

By: *Kenny Sullivan*
Kenny Sullivan

Retain 1 Copy District Office
Send 1 Copy to Conservation Division

Form: _____

January 02, 2018

Katherine McClurkan
Merit Energy Company, LLC
13727 Noel Road Suite1200
Dallas, TX 75240

Re: Temporary Abandonment
API 15-081-20916-00-00
Stanton A 2
SW/4 Sec.14-29S-34W
Haskell County, Kansas

Dear Katherine McClurkan:

Your application for Temporary Abandonment (TA) for the above-listed well is denied for the following reasons(s):

Shut-in Over 10 years

Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well must be plugged or returned to service by January 30, 2018.

If you wish to instead file an application for an exception to the 10-year limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111, demonstrating why it is necessary to TA the well for more than 10 years, then you must file the application for an exception by January 30, 2018.

This deadline does NOT override any compliance deadline given to you in any Commission Order.

You may contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Michael Maier
KCC DISTRICT 1