

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: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Susan K. Duffy

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Docket No. 21-CONS-3182-CEXC
Company, LLC, for an exception to the 10-year)
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Hoffman J #2 well in the South Half of the)
South Half of the Northeast Quarter of the) License No. 32446
Southwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 27)
South, Range 36 West, Grant County, Kansas.)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

The Commission rules as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.¹

2. A well shall not be eligible for temporary abandonment (TA) status if the well has been shut in for 10 years or more without an application for an exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100 and approval by the Commission.² An exception may be granted by the Commission, after considering whether the exception will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent pollution. Each party requesting an exception shall file an application with the conservation division.³

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

3. Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator) conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 32446.

¹ K.S.A. 74-623.

² K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

³ K.A.R. 82-3-100(b).

4. On March 3, 2021, Operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Hoffman J #2 well (Subject Well), API #15-067-20004.

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

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

7. On March 3, 2021, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.⁴

8. The Commission finds the reasons articulated in the application and the results of the mechanical integrity test sufficient to support the administrative grant of the application.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. The Commission concludes that it has jurisdiction over Operator and this matter.

10. The Commission concludes that Operator's application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and in accordance with Kansas statutes.

11. The Commission concludes that notice was properly served and published.

12. Based on the above facts, the Commission concludes that the application should be granted to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, because Operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the Subject Well, and there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Operator's application for an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Subject Well is granted for three years, calculated from the date the application was filed.

⁴ In its application, Operator states the Subject Well demonstrated mechanical integrity on February 26, 2021, Commission records indicate it occurred on March 3, 2021. Regardless, the Subject Well has passed a recent mechanical integrity test.


B. Operator must file an annual TA form for the Subject Well. The first TA form shall be filed within 30 days.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).⁵

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Date: 04/13/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 04/13/2021

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⁵ K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 55-707; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

21-CONS-3182-CEXC

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on 04/13/2021.

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April 20, 2021

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Re: Temporary Abandonment
API 15-067-20004-00-00
Hoffman J 2
SW/4 Sec.35-27S-36W
Grant County, Kansas

Dear Katherine McClurkan:

Your temporary abandonment (TA) application for the well listed above has been approved. In accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-111 the TA status of this well will expire 04/13/2022.

Your exception application expires on 04/13/2024.

- * If you return this well to service or plug it, please notify the District Office.
- * If you sell this well you are required to file a Transfer of Operator form, T-1.
- * If the well will remain temporarily abandoned, you must submit a new TA application, CP-111, before 04/13/2022.

You may contact me at the number above if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier