Kansas Corporation Commission OIL & GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION

July 2017 Form must be Typed

## TEMPORARY ABANDONMENT WELL APPLICATION

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OPERATOR: License#		API No. 15-										
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# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Susan K. Duffy, Chair Dwight D. Keen

Andrew J. French

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy
Company, LLC, for an exception to the
10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for
its Israel A-11 well in the Northwest Quarter of
the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest
Quarter of Section 4, Township 32 South,
Range 39 West, Morton County, Kansas.

Docket No. 20-CONS-3281-CEXC
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No. 32446

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## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

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

## I. JURISDICTION

- 1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.<sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 74-623.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> K.A.R. 82-3-100(b).

#### II. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3. Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator) conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 32446.
- 4. On May 6, 2020, Operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Israel A #11 well (Subject Well), API #15-129-20930.
- 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 April 8, 2020, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.
- 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 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.

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).<sup>4</sup>

## BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Duffy, Chair; Keen, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Date: 07/21/2020		Lynn M. Ret		
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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**

## 20-CONS-3281-CEXC

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of	f the attached Order has been served to the following by means of
first class mail and electronic service on	07/21/2020

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Laura Kelly, Governor

Dwight D. Keen, Chair Susan K. Duffy, Commissioner Andrew J. French, Commissioner

July 10, 2022

Katheirne McClurkan Merit Energy Company, LLC 13727 Noel Road, Suite 1200 Dallas, TX 75240

Re: Temporary Abandonment API 15-129-20930-00-01 Isreal A 11 SW/4 Sec.04-32S-39W Morton County, Kansas

## Dear Katheirne 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 07/21/2023.

Your exception application expires on 07/21/2023.

- \* 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 07/21/2023.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier