

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: _____
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: _____

Table with 7 columns: Conductor, Surface, Production, Intermediate, Liner, Tubing. Rows include 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: _____
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): _____
Type Completion: _____ ALT. I _____ ALT. II Depth of: _____ DV Tool: _____ w / _____ sacks of cement _____ Port Collar: _____ w / _____ sack of cement
Packer Type: _____ Size: _____ Inch Set at: _____ Feet
Total Depth: _____ Plug Back Depth: _____ Plug Back Method: _____

Geological Data:

Table with 4 columns: Formation Name, Formation Top, Formation Base, Completion Information. Rows 1 and 2.

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: _____ Yes _____ Denied Date: _____

Mail to the Appropriate KCC Conservation Office:

Table with 3 columns: District Office #, Address, Phone. Rows 1-4.

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

Before Commissioners: Dwight D. Keen, Chair
 Susan K. Duffy
 Andrew J. French

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Docket No. 23-CONS-3129-CEXC
Company, LLC, for an exception to the 10-)
year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Murphy Trust #3 well in the Northwest Quarter)
of Section 33, Township 29 South, Range 32) License No. 32446
West, Haskell County, Kansas.)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

The Commission rules as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. K.S.A. 74-623 provides the Commission exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice, and after considering whether the exception will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent pollution.

2. K.A.R. 82-3-111 requires wells that are inactive for more than 90 days, or in some circumstances more than 364 days, to be plugged or approved for temporary abandonment (TA) status. Under K.A.R. 82-3-111(b), a well shall not be eligible TA status if it has been shut-in for ten or more years, unless the Commission has granted an application for a regulatory exception.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

3. Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator) is licensed to conduct oil and gas activities in Kansas and is responsible for the Murphy Trust #3 well (Subject Well), API #15-081-21754.

4. On November 17, 2022, Operator filed its Application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Subject Well.

5. On November 18, 2022, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.¹

6. Operator served and published notice at least 15 days before the issuance of this Order, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

7. The reasons articulated in Operator's Application and the results of the mechanical integrity test are sufficient to support the administrative grant of Operator's Application.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The Commission has jurisdiction over Operator and Operator's Application. Operator's Application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and in accordance with Kansas statutes. Operator properly served and published notice.

9. Based on the above facts, Operator's Application should be granted. Operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the Subject Well that is preventative of waste. There is no apparent present pollution threat, and correlative rights will not be affected.

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. Operator's Application is being granted via summary proceedings; thus, this Order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired.² Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission at 266 N. Main, Suite 220,

¹ To reach this finding, the Commission takes administrative notice of its records. *See* 82-1-230(h).

² *See* K.S.A. 77-537.

Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 15 days from the date of service of this Order.³ If a hearing is not requested, then this Order shall become effective upon expiration of the time for requesting hearing.⁴ If this Order becomes effective, then 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.

Keen, Chair; Duffy, Commissioner; French, Commissioner

Date: 12/29/2022



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 12/29/2022

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³ See K.S.A. 77-542.

⁴ See K.S.A. 77-537.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

23-CONS-3129-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 12/29/2022.

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January 03, 2023

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Re: Temporary Abandonment
API 15-081-21754-00-01
MURPHY TRUST 3
NW/4 Sec.33-29S-32W
Haskell 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 11/17/2023.

Your exception application expires on 11/17/2025.

- * 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 11/17/2023.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier