

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

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

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy) Docket No.: 23-CONS-3003-CEXC
Company, LLC for an exception to the 10-year)
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Winter Morrow Unit #105W well in the South)
Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest) License No.: 32446
Quarter of Section 13, Township 33 South,)
Range 43 West, Morton County, Kansas.)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION

Comes now the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff and Commission, respectively) to recommend the Commission issue an order granting the application submitted by Merit Energy Company, LLC (Operator). In support of Staff's recommendation, Staff states the following:

1. On July 8, 2022, Operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Winter Morrow Unit #105W well (Subject Well), API #15-129-21741 in Morton County, Kansas.
2. On October 20, 2022, Staff sent a letter to Operator requesting a satisfactory casing integrity test be performed on the Subject Well by November 17, 2022.
3. On December 21, 2022, Staff motioned for a presiding officer to be assigned and a prehearing conference scheduled as Operator had not conducted a satisfactory casing integrity test on the Subject Well.
4. On January 5, 2023, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for casing integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.

5. On January 10, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Designating Presiding Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference, wherein Mr. Jonathan Myers was designated as presiding officer, and a prehearing conference was set for January 26, 2023, at 2:15 p.m.

6. Operator has verified that notice of the application was properly served and met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-3-135a.

7. Staff is satisfied the reasons articulated in the application and the results of the casing integrity test are sufficient to support the granting of the application.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons described above, Staff recommends approval of Operator's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

23-CONS-3003-CEXC

I, the undersigned, certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Staff Recommendation on Application has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on January 18, 2023.

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January 19, 2023

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Re: Temporary Abandonment
API 15-129-21741-00-01
Winter Morrow Unit 105W
NW/4 Sec.13-33S-43W
Morton 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 07/08/2023.

Your exception application expires on 07/08/2025.

- * 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 07/08/2023.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier