

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

<b>Do NOT Write in This Space - KCC USE ONLY</b>	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  
   Annie Kuether

In the matter of the application of Merit Energy    ) Docket No. 24-CONS-3118-CEXC  
Company, LLC, for an exception to the 10-year    )  
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Staley    ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
A #2 well in the Northwest Quarter of the    )  
Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the    ) License No. 32446  
Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 25    )  
South, Range 32 West, Finney 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 Staley A #2 well (Subject Well), API #15-055-22235.

4.        On October 12, 2023, Operator filed an Application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Subject Well.

5. On November 7, 2023, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup> 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,

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<sup>1</sup> To reach this finding, the Commission takes administrative notice of its records. *See* K.A.R. 82-1-230(h).


<sup>2</sup> *See* K.S.A. 77-537.

Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 15 days from the date of service of this Order.<sup>3</sup> If a hearing is not requested, then this Order shall become effective upon expiration of the time for requesting hearing.<sup>4</sup> 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).<sup>5</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Date: 11/21/2023

  
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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 11/21/2023

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<sup>3</sup> See K.S.A. 77-542.

<sup>4</sup> See K.S.A. 77-537.

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

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

24-CONS-3118-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 11/21/2023.

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11/22/2023

Katheine McClurkan  
Merit Energy Company, LLC  
13727 NOEL RD STE 1200  
DALLAS, TX 75240

Re: Temporary Abandonment  
API 15-055-22235-00-00  
Staley A 2  
SW/4 Sec.27-25S-32W  
Finney County, Kansas

Dear Katheine 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 10/12/2024.

Your exception application expires on 10/12/2026.

- \* 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 10/12/2024.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier