

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.
GPS Location: Lat: Long:
Datum: NAD27 NAD83 WGS84
County: Elevation:
Lease Name: Well #:
Well Type: 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 Date:

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

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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 for District Office #1, #2, #3, #4.

**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.<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>

**II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

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.

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<sup>4</sup> 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).<sup>5</sup>

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Date: 04/13/2021

  
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Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 04/13/2021

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<sup>5</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**

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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04/10/2024

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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 04/10/2025.

- \* 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 04/10/2025.

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

Very truly yours,

Michael Maier"