

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.
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: 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

Form with fields: 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: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Susan K. Duffy

In the matter of the application of Merit) Docket No. 21-CONS-3276-CEXC
Energy Company, LLC, for an exception to)
the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-) CONSERVATION DIVISION
111 for its Kinney Chester Sand Unit 503 well)
in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest) License No. 32446
Quarter of Section 25, Township 34 South,)
Range 35 West, Stevens 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.¹

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.² 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.³

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

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

¹ K.S.A. 74-623.

² K.A.R. 82-3-111(b).

³ K.A.R. 82-3-100(b).

4. On April 29, 2021, Operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Kinney Chester Sand Unit #503 well (Subject Well), API #15-189-20705.

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 26, 2021, Operator successfully tested the Subject Well for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.⁴

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.

B. Operator must file an annual TA form for the Subject Well. The first TA form shall be filed within 30 days.

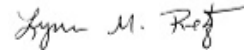
⁴ In its Application, Operator states the Subject Well demonstrated mechanical integrity on March 29, 2021; Commission records indicate it occurred on March 26, 2021. Regardless, the Subject Well has passed a recent mechanical integrity test.

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).⁵

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Date: 06/17/2021



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 06/17/2021

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⁵ 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-3276-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 06/17/2021.

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06/13/2024

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Re: Temporary Abandonment
API 15-189-20705-00-01
KCSU 503
SW/4 Sec.25-34S-35W
Stevens County, Kansas

Dear Katherine McClurkan:

Your application for Temporary Abandonment (TA) for the above-listed well is denied for the following reasons(s):

Shut-in Over 10 years

Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well must be plugged, or returned to service, or obtain temporary abandonment status by 07/13/2024.

This deadline does NOT override any compliance deadline given to you in any Commission Order.

You may contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Michael Maier
KCC DISTRICT 1