

5. K.A.R. 82-3-131(b) provides details of an application for a vacuum pump, including but not limited to a plat map; anticipated maximum daily production of oil, water, and gas; and an estimate of the remaining recoverable reserves.

6. K.A.R. 82-3-131(c) provides that Operator shall provide notice of the application pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

7. The application states that the subject wells are no longer able to produce their assigned allowable. The reservoirs beneath the Winter Trust Lease from which the subject wells produce are nearly depleted. Without the installation and use of vacuum pumps, the Winter Trust Lease will soon become uneconomic to operate resulting in the premature plugging and abandonment of the subject wells. The installation and use of vacuum pumps at the subject wells will prolong the economic life of the Winter Trust Lease and allow for the recovery of additional hydrocarbon reserves from the producing reservoirs beneath the Winter Trust Lease.

8. Operator requests authorization to impose a vacuum on the subject wells to continue producing at the wells allowed production to prevent waste and protect correlative rights. The Operator is not requesting a high volume pump be used.

9. Operator has provided all of the information required by K.A.R. 82-3-131(b) and has verified that notice of the application was served and published as required by K.A.R. 82-3-131(c) and K.A.R. 82-3-135a. No protests have been filed.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. The application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and Kansas statutes.

11. The application should be granted to prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The application to impose a vacuum on the subject wells is granted.

B. This Order is a summary proceeding pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, which provides in paragraph (b)(4) that summary proceedings are not effective until the time for requesting a hearing has expired. K.S.A. 77-542 provides that a request for hearing shall be filed within 15 days of any agency notice resulting in a right to request a hearing. If service of this Order is by mail, three days are added to the deadline. Any party taking an action permitted by this summary proceeding before the deadline for requesting a hearing has expired shall be deemed to have waived their right to a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-504.

C. Any party affected by this Order may file with the Commission a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529(a). The petition shall be filed within 15 days after service of this Order. If service of this Order is by mail, three days are added to the deadline. The petition shall be addressed to the Commission and sent to 266 N. Main, Ste. 220, Wichita, Kansas 67202. Pursuant to K.S.A. 55-606 and K.S.A. 77-529(a), reconsideration is prerequisite for judicial review of this Order. Any party taking an action permitted by this summary proceeding before the deadline for a petition for reconsideration does so at their own risk of further proceedings.

D. The Commission retains jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties and may enter additional orders as it deems appropriate.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Date: NOV 22 2016



Amy L. Gilbert
Secretary to the Commission

Date Mailed: November 22, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 22, 2016, I caused a complete and accurate copy of this Order to be served via United States mail, with the postage prepaid and properly addressed to the following:

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