THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Jay Scott Emler, Chairman
Shari Feist Albrecht
Pat Apple

In the matter of the application of D.S. Langston, for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111, regarding TA status for said applicant's Mary Ida Unit (Reif B) #0-19 well, located in SW SE NW of Section 31-18S-10W, Rice County, Kansas.	)	Docket No. 17-CONS-3361-CEXC CONSERVATION DIVISION License No. 30525

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

I. JURISDICTION

1. K.S.A. 74-623 provides that the Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities, with licensing authority under K.S.A. 55-155.

2. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice.

3. K.A.R. 82-3-111 requires wells that are inactive for more than 90 days be plugged or approved for temporary abandonment ("TA") status. The regulations provides that wells having been shut-in for more than 10 years shall not be approved TA status without Commission approval of an application for an exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100.

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II. FINDINGS OF FACT

4. Commission records indicate the operator is currently licensed to conduct oil and gas activities in Kansas under K.S.A. 55-155.

5. The above-captioned operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the subject well(s).

6. The operator has verified that notice was properly served and published, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a, at least 15 days before the issuance of this Order.

7. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

8. The operator successfully tested the subject well(s) for mechanical integrity.

9. Commission Staff met internally and reviewed the application. Staff determined that the application and the mechanical integrity test(s) were sufficient to support the administrative grant of this application. Accordingly, Staff has proposed to the Commission this Order granting the application without the need for a hearing.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10. The Commission has jurisdiction over the operator and this matter.

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

12. Notice was properly served and published.

13. Based on the available facts, the Commission finds that the application should be granted to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, because the operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the well(s), and there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. The application for an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the subject well(s) is granted for three years, which is calculated from the date the application was filed. The operator must file annual TA forms for the subject well(s). The first TA form(s) shall be filed within 30 days.

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.

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BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.
Emler, Chairman; Albrecht, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Date:_____

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Amy L. Green
Secretary to the Commission

Date Mailed: _____

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