

**BEFORE THE STATE OF CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 24-CONS-3145-CPEN
Failure of Novy Oil & Gas, Inc.,)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
(Operator) to comply with K.A.R.)	License No. 31714
82-3-111 at the Carlin A #2, Grover #3,)	
And Samms #1 wells in Reno and Saline)	
Counties, Kansas.)	

PRE-FILED DIRECT AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

MICHAEL NOVY

ON BEHALF OF NOVY OIL & GAS, INC.

APRIL 5, 2024

1 **Q. Please identify yourself.**

2 A. My name is Michael Novy. I am the President of Novy Oil & Gas (“Novy Oil”),
3 whose business address is 651 S. 247th Street West, Goddard, Kansas 67052.

4 **Q. Would you please briefly describe your educational background and work
5 experience?**

6 A. I graduated from Maize High School of Sedgwick County, Kansas, and attended
7 one (1) year of undergraduate school at Kansas State University. After my first year, I left to work
8 full-time for Dresser Atlas (“Atlas”). I attended private schools during my 15 years at Atlas and
9 became a general engineer. I was an engineer for Petroleum Production Management from 1990 to
10 1995 and now own Novy Oil. We also own a Roustabout company and an Electric Submersible
11 Pump company. I have been involved in and running Novy Oil since 1995.

12 **Q. Have you previously testified before the Kansas Corporation Commission
13 (“KCC”)?**

14 A. Yes.

15 **Q. Are you familiar with this Docket# 24-CONS-3145-CPEN?**

16 A. Yes, this is the docket for penalty orders for three alleged violations of K.A.R. 82-
17 3-111 at the Carlin A #2, Grover #3, and Samms #1 wells (the “Subject Wells). The KCC has
18 alleged the wells were inactive for more than the time allowed by regulation without being
19 plugged, returned to service, or approved for temporary abandonment (“TA”) status.

20 **Q. Are you familiar with the Subject Wells?**

21 A. Yes. Novy Oil has operated them for many years.

1 **Q. Did you submit TA applications for the Carlin A #2 and Samms #1 wells?**

2 A. Yes.

3 **Q. Were they approved?**

4 A. No.

5 **Q. What is your understanding of why the TA applications for the Carlin A #2 and**
6 **Samms #1 were not approved?**

7 A. I understand that the District #2 staff denied the TA applications for the Carlin A
8 #2 and Samms #1 due to non-compliance because of high fluid levels in the wells.

9 **Q. What is the current status of the Carlin A #2 and Samms #1 wells?**

10 A. Successful casing integrity tests have been completed, showing that the wells do
11 not have casing leaks, and both wells are now compliant.

12 **Q. Did you submit a TA application for the Grover #3 well?**

13 A. Yes.

14 **Q. Was it approved?**

15 A. No.

16 **Q. What is your understanding of why the TA application for Grover #3 was not**
17 **approved?**

18 A. I understand that the District #2 staff denied the TA applications for the Grover #3
19 well due to missing production casing information and the staff's need to see a copy of a valid oil
20 and gas lease assignment.

21 **Q. What is the current status of the Grover #3 well?**

1 We are working with the landowner to complete a new lease agreement and hope it will
2 be in place soon. Further, the land is too wet to access the Grover #3 well, but once accessible,
3 the Grover #3 well will be put into compliance or plugged.

4 **Q. Does this conclude your direct and rebuttal testimony?**

5 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Pre-Filed Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Michael Novy was electronically filed and has been served to the following by email on April 5, 2024.

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