

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

In the matter of the Application of John O. Farmer, Inc. for )  
an exception to the Pit Closure time limitation of K.A.R. 82- )  
3-602 at its Dorcas C #1 located in the NW/4 of Section 36, )  
Township 16 South, Range 10 East, Lyon County, Kansas )  
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Docket No. ~~24~~-CONS- 3072-CEXC  
CONSERVATION DIVISION  
License No: 5135

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW John O. Farmer, Inc. (Applicant) and in support of its Application in  
the above captioned matter, states as follows:

1. Applicant is a Kansas Corporation doing business in the State of Kansas.  
Applicant's address is 370 West Wichita, Russell, Kansas 67665.

2. The Kansas Corporation Commission has issued Applicant an Operator's  
License number 5135, which expires on June 30, 2025.

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Dorcas C #1, API #15-111-20563  
(the subject well), which is located 2360 feet from the north line and 175 feet from the west line of  
the NW/4 of Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 10 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lyon County, Kansas.  
The subject pit is located on Applicant's Dorcas C lease covering the following described real estate,  
to-wit:

The Northwest Quarter of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Sixteen  
(16) South, Range Ten (10) East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lyon County,  
Kansas.

4. K.A.R. 82-3-100 (b) states that the Commission may grant an exception to the  
requirement of any of its regulations.

5. Applicant respectfully requests an exception to the deadline for closing a drilling pit as provided in K.A.R. 82-3-602.

6. An exception and corresponding extension of time to close the pit will cause no environmental harm. Applicant has made diligent effort to drain and dry the pit.

7. The Applicant has been unable to completely close the pit within the time prescribed by regulation due to an inability to dry the pit. A natural spring opened on the side of a hill directly above the pit. Applicant caused dirt work to be completed to divert the spring water around the pit so as to allow it to dry. A great amount of work has been done on the pit to expedite the drying process. The pit has been emptied multiple times and crowded several times. Applicant has also cut windows and dug trenches to aid in the drying process. Recently, rainfall has prevented Applicant from getting to the pit to dig out the wet partitions of the pit to allow for drying. Applicant has and will make diligent effort to close the pit.

8. The name and address of the landowners on whose land the well and pit are located is Phyllis Dorcas and Glenn E. Dorcas, 1773 Trefoil Road NE, Waverly, KS 66871-9308 and Steven H. Dorcas and Kathleen A. Dorcas, 613 Road 320, Allen, KS 66833-9302. The names and addresses of the unleased mineral owners of record who are entitled to receive notice of this Application are shown on the attached Exhibit "A." Other than Applicant, there are no operators of leases of record within one-half (1/2) mile of the subject well.

9. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a map showing the location of the Dorcas C #1.

WHEREFORE, John O. Farmer, Inc. prays that this Application be docketed by the Commission and that if no written protest is received within thirty (30) days after Notice of the Application has been published and duly provided to all interested parties, the Commission issue an order administratively granting John O. Farmer, Inc. an exception to the time limitation set forth in K.A.R. 82-3-602 and allow an additional extension of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date this Application is granted. In the event a timely and proper protest is filed with the Commission, John O. Farmer, Inc. requests that the Commission set this Application for hearing and, upon such


hearing, grant the request for exception and afford such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attorneys for Applicant John O. Farmer, Inc.



By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis R. Davidson, #10619

  
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Matt Dreiling, Vice President/Geophysicist, John  
O. Farmer, Inc.

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF RUSSELL, SS.

Matt Dreiling, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, upon oath states:

That he is the Vice President/Geophysicist for John O. Farmer, Inc., above named;  
that he has read the above Application; that he knows the content thereof; and that he knows of his  
own knowledge that all the statements therein made are true and correct.

  
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Matt Dreiling

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 16th day of August, 2024.



My appointment expires:

June 1, 2028

  
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Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2024, copies of the above and foregoing Application were served by depositing them in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the landowners set forth in paragraph 8 of the said Application and each of the unleased mineral owners and operators set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application, and the original Application and all necessary support documentation was electronically filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission to a new docket via E-Filing Express.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Davidson", written over a horizontal line.

Dennis R. Davidson

Exhibit A  
UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS  
(within ½ mile radius)  
TO JOHN O. FARMER, INC.  
**Dorcas "C" #1 Dry Hole**

Sec. 26-16S-10E  
S/2 SE/4

Montie Lee & Joan L. Jackson, Trustees  
Jackson Family Revocable Trust  
591 Road 320  
Allen, KS 66833

Sec. 35-16S-10E  
SE/4

Betty C. Edmunds Revocable Trust  
544 Road 310  
Council Grove, KS 66846

Sec. 36-16S-10E  
N/2 NE/4

Kelly & Kathleen Miller  
2967 Road G5  
Americus, KS 66835

Darrell & Sally Burri  
2446 E. Manchester Street  
Springfield, MO 65804

Sec. 36-16S-10E  
S/2 NE/4

Rick & Kelly Siebert  
3173 Road G  
Allen, KS 66833

Sec. 36-16S-10E  
W/2 SE/4

Chadwick & Cammy Onek  
1235 SE Grant Road  
El Dorado, KS 67042

S/2 SW/4

Randy & Linda Edmunds  
3114 Road F  
Allen, KS 66833

Tract in N2 SW/4

Patrick & Jessica Newman  
3132 Road F  
Allen, KS 66833

Exhibit B

Dorcas C Pit Extension Application  
T16S R10E Lyon County, KS

