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# BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Conservation Division, Wichita, KS

In the matter of the Application of American	)	Docket No.: 25-CONS-3336-CEXC	
Warrior, Inc. for an exception to the 10-year time	)		
limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Wells 13-13.	A )	CONSERVATION DIVISION	
well located in the SW/4 of Section 13	)		
Township 18 South, Range 21 West,	)	License No.: 4058	
Ness County, Kansas.	)		
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### **APPLICATION**

COMES NOW American Warrior, Inc. ("Applicant") in support of its Application in the captioned matter and states as follows:

- Applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas.
   Applicant's address is P.O. Box 399, Garden City, KS 67846.
- 2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License 4058, which expires on November 30, 2025.
- 3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Wells 13-13A well, 15-135-25304 ("the subject well"), which is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 21 West, Ness County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands:

Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2SE/4) Less 1 Acre Trat, Beginning at NW corner of SW/4, T S 165', T E 264', T N 165', TW 264; to Point of Beginning in Section 13, Township 18 South, Range 21 West, Ness County, Kansas, containing 240 acres, more or less ("leased premises").

- 4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut-in on December 8, 2011. The subject well maintained such status from December 8, 2011, to present date.
- 5. On or about March 6, 2025, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well would be denied from and after April 5, 2025, because the Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years
- 6. K.A.R. 82-3-111 imposes a 10-year limitation on the amount of time during which wells may be temporarily abandoned, but an exception to the 10-year limitation may be obtained pursuant to said regulation through an Application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Applicant seeks such an exception.
- 7. On or about April 1, 2025, the Subject Well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well.
- 8. Applicant wished to continue TA status for the Subject Well, because Applicant intends to use the well for the following purpose:

American Warrior, Inc. wishes to convert the current oil well into a gas well.

Currently, American Warrior, Inc. is unable to convert the oil well to a gas well due to being unable to currently sell to market the gas that would be produced. Certain infrastructure would need to be put in, such as a gas pipeline, to allow American Warrior, Inc. to sell the gas which would be produced to the market.

- Applicant submits the following information regarding the well in support of the Application.
  - a) Lease contains:
    - a. Wells 13-13 (Oil Well)

- b. Wells 13-13A (Subject Well)
- c. Wells 1-13 (P&A)
- d. Wells 2-13 (P&A)
- e. A.R. Young 1 (P&A)
- f. Young 1 (P&A)
- g. Wells 13-15 (P&A)
- b) The estimated plugging cost to plug this well and the remaining wells on this lease:
  - a. Wells 13-13: \$25,000
  - b. Wells 13-13A: \$25,000
- c) Current production rate for the lease is 30 barrels of oil per month.
- d) Estimation of the remaining reserves is 500 million cubic feet of gas. Reserves remaining based upon original volumetric analysis and subsequent flow tests of surrounding wells.
- e) The subject well will need to have cement work to isolate the Chase gas interval. Perforate and stimulate well with acid. Currently, no work has been done to convert to gas well.
- f) Estimated cost of converting subject well to gas well: \$40,000
- 10. Applicant has included a plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, temporarily abandoned, abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises as the Subject Well.
- 11. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests the Commission grant an exception to the 10-year limitation, specifically to allow the Subject Well to remain eligible for temporary

abandonment status for three (3) years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation.

Applicant understands that the exception would be valid for three (3) years, but Applicant would still need to apply annually to the Conservation Division District Office for approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.

- 12. Listed in the attached Exhibit "A" are the names and addresses of the following persons:
  - A. Each operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the Subject Well; and
  - B. Each person who owns any mineral interest of record in and under any lands located within one-half (1/2) mile radius of Subject Well (provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease).
- 13. Notice of this Application will be published pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a. In addition, notice of the hearing to be held in this matter will be provided as prescribed by K.A.R. 82-3-135.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that this matter be granted administratively without a hearing, or in the alternative be set for hearing, and upon hearing that the Commission grant Applicant's request, for an exception to the K.A.R. 82-3-111 ten (10) year limitation, to allow the subject well to remain temporarily abandoned for three (3) years, subject to annual approval by the Conservation Division District Office of an application for temporary abandonment status.

Respectfully Submitted,

AMERICAN WARRIOR, INC.

By:

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Garden City, KS 67846

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

Each operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the Subject Well:

American Warrior, Inc. 3118 Cummings Road Garden City, KS 67846

Names of owners of unleased lands within one-half (1/2) mile of subject well:

Kathryn Young Family Trust Attn: Larry Janke 100 Cloister Drive Peachtree City, GA 30269

Kirk & Nada Wells PO Box 145 Alexander, KS 67513

Patricia Bott 1501 E Magnolia Ave Apt #227 Salina, KS 67401

## **VERIFICATION**

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Bryce Steven Landg	graf, of lawf	ul age, being duly s	worn upon his	oath deposes and states:	
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he has read the above and f	oregoing ap	plication and is fam	niliar with the co	ontents thereof; and,	
that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.					
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My Appointment Expires: 10-28-2025

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this \( \frac{1}{2} \) day of April, 2025, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Application and the Notice of Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the landowner/s set forth paragraph 12 of said Application, each party set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original to the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Bryce Steven Landgraf #28641

