

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

Before Commissioners: Dwight D. Keen, Chair
 Susan K. Duffy
 Shari Feist Albrecht

In the matter of the Application of John O. Farmer, Inc. for) Docket No. 20-CONS-³⁰⁸⁴-CEXC
an exception to the Pit Closure time limitation of K.A.R. 82-)
3-602 at its Preston Unit #1A located in the NE/4 of Section) CONSERVATION DIVISION
24, Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Lyon County,)
Kansas) 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, 2020.

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Preston Unit #1 well, API #15-111-
20539 (the subject well), which is located 225 feet from the north line and 170 feet from the east line
of the NE/4 of Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 11 East of the 6th P.M., Lyon County, Kansas.
The subject pit is located on Applicant's Preston Unit #1A oil and gas lease covering the NE/4 of
Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 11 East, 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. Applicant has received two 3-month extensions but, due

to certain circumstances beyond Applicant's control, has been unable to complete closure of the drilling pit.

6. An exception and corresponding extension of time to close the pit will cause no environmental harm. The subject pit has been emptied several times and Applicant has closed up those portions of the pit deemed dry enough to close. Any fluid which may remain in the pit is fresh water.

7. The Applicant has been unable to completely close the pit within the time prescribed by regulation due to intermittent but persistent rainfall at the location.

8. The name and address of the landowner on whose land the well and pit are located is ESB Financial, Emporia, Kansas, as Trustee of the Preston G. Taylor Revocable Trust dated May 5, 2013, 801 Merchant, Emporia, Kansas 66801. The names and addresses of the unleased mineral owners of record and operators of leases of record within one-half (1/2) mile of the subject well and entitled to receive notice of this Application are shown on the attached Exhibit "A."

9. Attached as Exhibit "B" are maps showing the location of the Preston Unit #1A well.

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 ninety (90) days. 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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By 

Dennis R. Davidson, #10619

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of September, 2019, 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 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.


Dennis R. Davidson

OFFSET OPERATORS/UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS
(within 1/2 mile radius)
TO JOHN O. FARMER, INC.
Preston Unit #1A
225' FNL & 170' FEL
Sec. 24-15S-11E
Lyon County, Kansas

Sec. 13-15S-11E

N/2 S/2

Bonnie E. Martin Revocable Trust
1732 Hammond Rd
Emporia, KS 66801-5313

S/2 S/2

John O. Farmer, Inc.

Sec. 19-15S-11E – Wabaunsee County

E/2 NW/4

Ben D. Puett
1002 North Washington Street
Junction City, KS 66441

John O. Farmer, Inc.

NW/4

John O. Farmer, Inc.

Sec. 18-15S-11E – Wabaunsee County

SW/4

John O. Farmer, Inc.

EXHIBIT

B



Fall & Associates
Stake and Elevation Service
P.O. Box 222
Pretty Prairie, KS. 67570
785-243-7506

Date 2-8-18Invoice Number 0205181

JOHN O. FARMER, INC.

Operator

1

Number

Preston Unit

Farm Name

Lyon-KS

County-State

24

S

15S

T

11E

R

225' FNL 170' FEL

Location

John O. Farmer, Inc.
370 W. Wichita Ave.
P.O. Box 352
Russell, KS. 67665

Elevation 1272 Gr.Ordered By: Matt

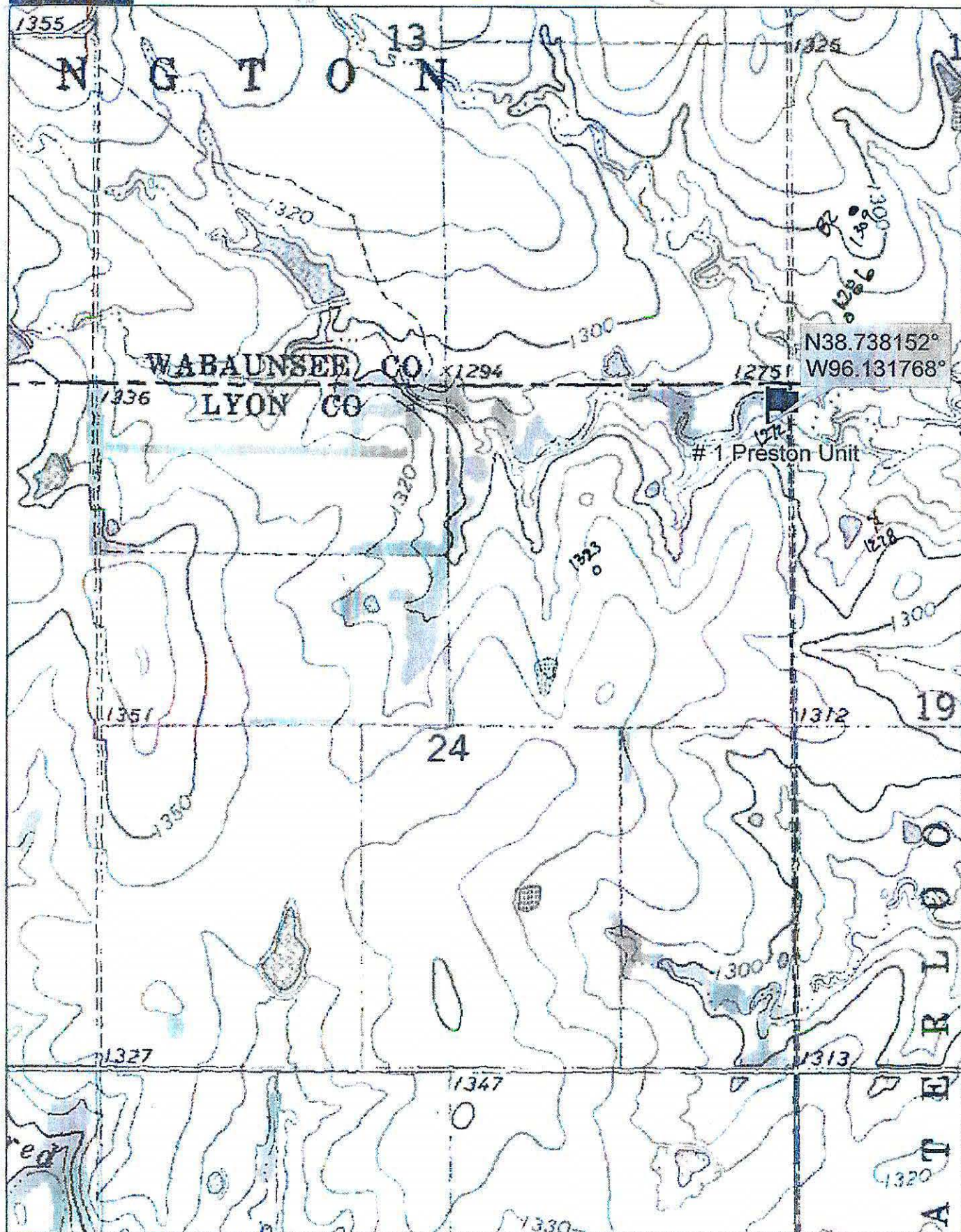
Scale 1"=1000'



Set 5' Iron rod & 4' wood stake
on slight to moderate slope
pasture.

Stake

24



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