

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

In the matter of the Application of BCE-Mach LLC for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. § 82-3-111 for its Hatcher B 3 well located in the SE/4 of Section 35, Township 34 South, Range 34 West, Seward County, Kansas.	)	Docket No. 26-CONS-3133-CEXC
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	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
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	)	License No. 35667
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APPLICATION

COMES NOW BCE-Mach LLC ("Applicant" or "BCE-Mach") in support of its Application in the above-captioned matter and states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is 14201 Wireless Way, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73134.
2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License No. 35667, which expires on March 30, 2026.
3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Hatcher B 3 well, API No. 15-175-21717-0000 (the "subject well"), which is located 660' FSL and 1,700' FEL of Section 35, Township 34 South, Range 34 West, Seward County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands: East Half (E/2) of Section 35, Township 34 South, Range 34 West, Seward County, Kansas, containing 320 acres, more or less ("leased premises").
4. Pursuant to K.A.R. § 82-3-111, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status, for the subject well on February 1, 2013. The subject well has maintained such status from February 2013 to the present date.

5. On or about March 13, 2026, the Kansas Corporation Commission will notify Applicant that temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied because the subject well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years. K.A.R. § 82-3-111 provides that an additional exception may be obtained through an Application filed with the Commission. BCE-Mach seeks such an exception for the subject well.

6. 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 was completed on October 9, 2025.

7. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the subject well because Applicant intends to use the well in an upcoming enhanced oil recovery project.

8. BCE-Mach LLC wishes to continue temporary abandonment status for the subject well because BCE-Mach LLC intends to return the well to service in a St. Louis waterflood in the Archer South Field (Hatcher B lease). The Hatcher B 3 is located in Section 35-T34S-R34W. BCE-Mach LLC is currently engaged in an evaluation of a waterflood of the St. Louis limestone formation in the Archer South Field located in Sections 2 & 11 in Township 34 South, Range 34 West and in Sections 26, 27, 34 & 35 in Township 34 South, Range 34 West, Seward Co., Kansas. An extension of the TA well status for the Hatcher B 3 is requested to allow BCE-Mach LLC time to complete its technical review of the large Archer South Field feature and begin the process of unitization and field implementation which is estimated to be a 3-year process. There have been 17 historical St. Louis producers in the Archer South Field structural trend where the St. Louis is a continuous, correlative system in the St. Louis A and B formations. Primary production has been solution gas drive with a cumulative oil production of approximately 946,000 BO. Preliminary estimates of secondary waterflood reserves are more than 500,000 BO. The productive St. Louis

B interval is present in the Hatcher B 3 which makes it an ideal candidate for a waterflood producer or water injection well. The cost to drill and complete a new well is \$750,000. The cost to activate the Hatcher B 3 for waterflood service is estimated to be \$175,000 resulting in significant cost savings. The conversion work will depend on the final selection of waterflood service well type, i.e., EOR injector or producer, and pending completion of the final technical review. The St Louis A is the only zone open in the subject well so no squeeze work will be required if EOR water injection is selected. The Hatcher B lease consists of four (4) wells. The current lease production is 0 BOPD. The estimated cost to plug the Hatcher B 3 is \$35,000. The cost to plug all of the wells on that lease is \$140,000. BCE-Mach LLC is asking for a 3-year extension of TA status for the Hatcher B 3.

9. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is 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 and on the acreage within a ½-mile radius of the Hatcher B 3.

10. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests the Commission grant an exception to the 10-year limitation, and 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 that Applicant would still need to apply annually to the District Office of the Conservation Division for approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.

11. Listed in the attached Exhibit "B" 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).

12. 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,



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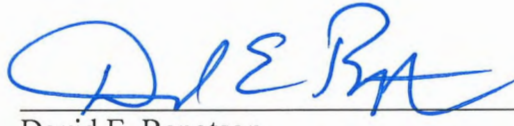
Attorneys for Applicant BCE-Mach LLC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

David E. Bengtson, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon oath, states:

That he is the attorney for the Applicant named in the foregoing Application and is duly authorized to make this verification; that he has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.



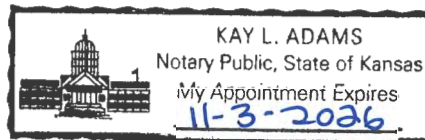
David E. Bengtson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23rd day of October, 2025.



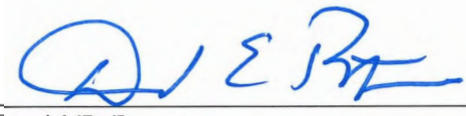
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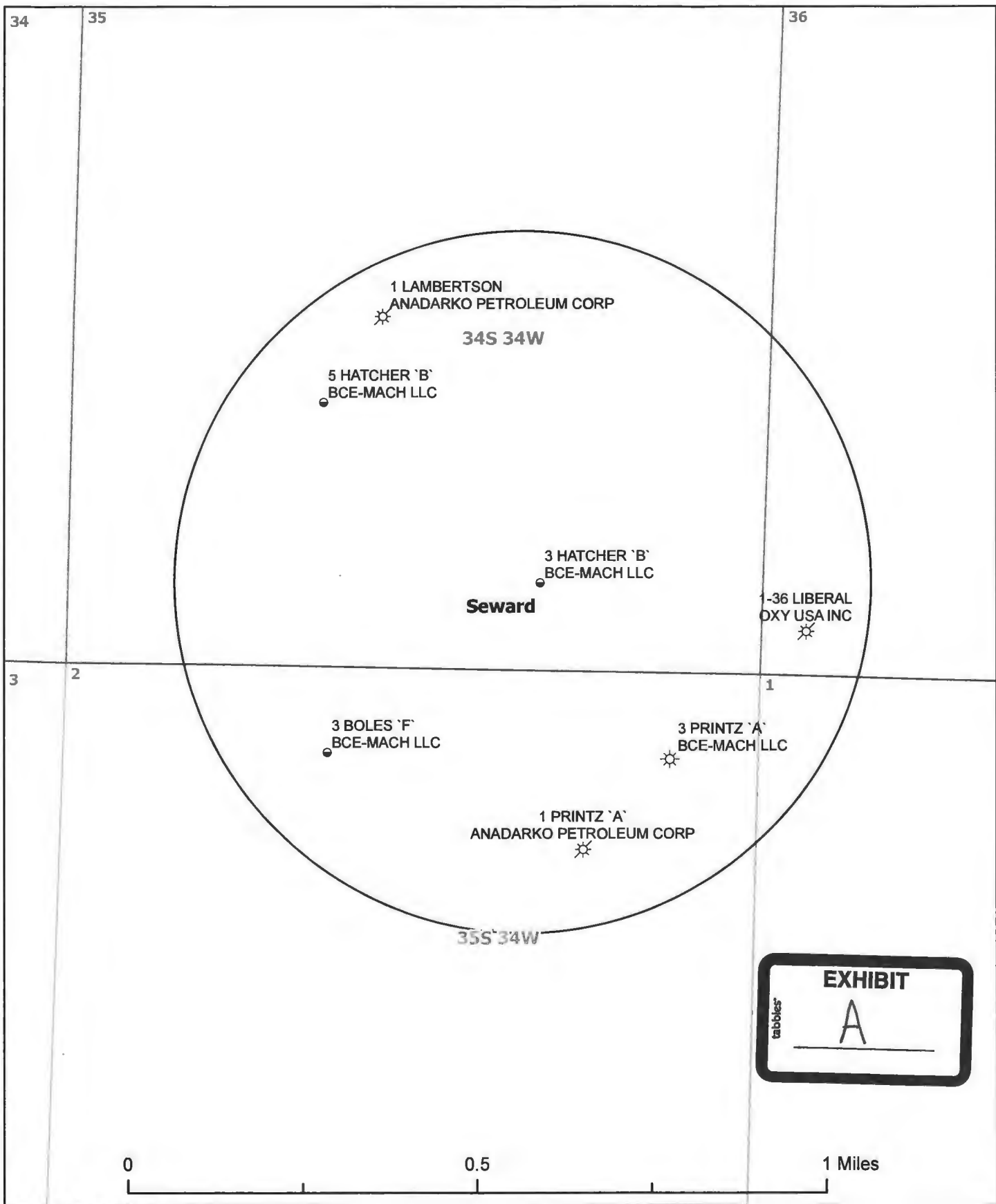


CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 28th day of October, 2025, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Application and Notice of Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each of the persons and companies set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the above and foregoing original Application was uploaded to the Kansas Corporation Commission via E-filing Express to a new docket.



David E. Bengtson



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**HATCHER B 3
SEC 35, T34S, R34W
SEWARD COUNTY KANSAS**

Wells

- Location (Permit)
- ◐ Drilling in Progress
- Oil Well

- ☀ Gas Well
- ☀ Oil & Gas Well
- Dry w/Oil Shows
- ☀ Dry w/Gas Shows

- ☀ Dry w/Oil & Gas Shows
- Dry Hole
- ↘ Injection

- Suspended
- ☀ Plugged Gas Well
- Plugged Oil Well

- ☀ Plugged Oil & Gas Well
- ✕ Abandoned Location
- ⊕ Unclassified, Co2, etc.

EXHIBIT B

Operators

BCE Mach III, LLC
14201 Wireless Way STE 300
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

Merit Energy Company, LLC
13727 Noel Road, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75240-7362

Unleased Mineral Owners

None