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

Conservation Division, Wichita, KS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	
OF ELEVATE ENERGY LTD.,	)	DOCKET NO. <u>25-CONS-3310-CEXC</u>
FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE 10-YEAR	)	
TIME LIMITATION OF K.A.R. 82-3-111 FOR	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
THE SCHMIDT RP #7-29 WELL LOCATED	)	
IN THE SE/4 OF THE NW/4 OF SECTION	)	LICENSE NO. 35795
29-T14S-R21W, TREGO CO., KANSAS	)	

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Elevate Energy Ltd., ("Applicant) in support of its application in the captioned matter states as follows:

1. Applicant is a foreign corporation licensed to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is PO Box 460, Elizabeth, Colorado 80107.
2. Applicant has been issued license no. 35795 by the Commission, which license expires on December 30, 2025.
3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Schmidt RP #7-29 well, API #15-195-22453-00-00, which is located in the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 29-T14S-R21W, Trego County, Kansas.
4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut in on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The subject well has maintained such status from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, to the present date.
5. On or about February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Commission notified Applicant that temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied, because the well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years and the current three year exception approval was set to expire.
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 said regulation through an application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Applicant hereby seeks such an exception.

7. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the subject well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within (50) feet above the uppermost perforation in the well.

8. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the subject well, because Applicant intends to implement the wellbore into a water flood of the Schmidt RP lease and surrounding production in the future.

9. The Schmidt RP lease is a 1440 acre tract in the Butterfield Trail field. The Schmidt RP lease has twelve wells on it, including a mix of oil producers and a saltwater injection well. The Schmidt RP lease is an active lease, averaging 17 BOPD out of the Ft. Scott, Cherokee and Kutina formations. The Schmidt RP #7-29 is a shut-in oil well. An estimated cost to plug the Schmidt RP #7-29 is \$25,000. The current production rate for the Butterfield Trail field is approximately 752 barrels of oil per month. All of the active production in the field is from the Ft. Scott, Cherokee, and Kutina formations. These formations have proven to be pressure depleted and warrant pressure support via waterflooding. The Butterfield Trail field has produced 425 MBO to date. If a future waterflood is implemented, a rule-of-thumb in Kansas is that it could recover half of the primary production, or in this case, 213 MBO. The subject well may be a critical wellbore in this future waterflood, as it is located in the northeast corner of the Butterfield Trail field. Accordingly, plugging of the subject well would likely lead to a loss of otherwise recoverable reserves. In order to return the Schmidt RP #7-29 to production, the formation would need to be reperforated and acidized, and the well reequipped with a pumping unit, tubing, rods, and a downhole pump. The total cost to do this work at current prices is estimated at \$50,000.

10. Applicant has included a plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, temporarily abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises as the subject well. (See attached Exhibit A)

11. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests that the Commission grant an exception to the 10-year limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111, specifically to allow the subject well to remain eligible for temporary abandonment status for the three (3) years following 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. There are no outside operators of an oil and gas lease(s) within a one-half mile radius of the subject well. There are four unleased mineral interest owners covering lands within a one-half mile radius of the subject well, who are:

M.H. Properties, LLC, 12301 W 163<sup>rd</sup> St., Overland Park, KS 66221

New Frontiers, LLC, 1032 Oak Tree Dr., Lawrence, KS 66049

Mary M. Schroeder Trust dated February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5283 Union Ct., #10, Arvada, CO  
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William T. Madden Living Trust dated March 2, 2015, 18205 Cedar Circle, Omaha, NE  
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13. Notice of this application and any required hearing will be published pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a and 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,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Brady Pfeiffer  
Managing Member

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 following parties:

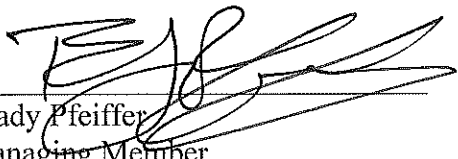
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