

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

Before Commissioners:        Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair  
                                     Jay Scott Emler  
                                     Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Vess Oil Corporation for an Exception to the 10-Year Time Limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Harkness DD #1 Well Located in the SE/4 of Section 09, Township 18 South Range 26 West, Ness County, Kansas.	)	Docket No. 18-CONS-3387-CEXC
	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
	)	License No. 5030

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.<sup>1</sup>

2. K.A.R. 82-3-111 provides that wells having been shut-in for more than 10 years shall not be approved for TA status without Commission approval of an application for an exception.

3. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice.

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 74-623

## **II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

4. Vess Oil Corporation (Operator) conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 5030.

5. Operator filed an application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Harkness DD #1 well, API #15-135-23671-00-01.

6. Operator has verified that notice was properly served and published, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a, at least 15 days before the issuance of this Order.

7. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

8. On May 25, 2018, Operator successfully tested the subject well for mechanical integrity.

9. The Commission finds the application and the mechanical integrity test sufficient to support the administrative grant of this application.

## **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

10. The Commission finds and concludes that it has jurisdiction over Operator and this matter.

11. The Commission finds and concludes that the Operator's application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and in accordance with Kansas statutes.

12. The Commission finds and concludes that notice was properly served and published.

13. Based on the above facts, the Commission finds and concludes that the application should be granted to prevent waste and protect correlative rights, because Operator

has demonstrated a potential future use for the well, and there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.

**THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. Operator's application for an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the subject well is granted for three years, calculated from the date the application was filed.

Operator must file an annual TA form for the subject well. The first TA form shall be filed within 30 days.

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>2</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Date: 08/23/2018



Lynn M. Retz  
Secretary to the Commission

Date Mailed: 08/24/2018

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 55-707; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of first class mail and electronic service on 08/23/2018.

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