

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

In the matter of the Application of Hartman Oil Co., Inc.	)	Docket No. <u>26-CONS-3141-CEXC</u>
For an exception to the 10-year time	)	
limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its	)	
Garden City A well located in the	)	
N/2 of the NW/4 of the SE/4	)	
of Sec 34-T23S-R34W	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Of Finney County, Kansas	)	
<hr/>		License No: 30535

**APPLICATION**

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

1. Applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is 10500 E. Berkeley Square Parkway, Suite 100, Wichita, KS 67206.
2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License (#30535), which expires on October 30, 2026.
3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Garden City A well, API#15-055-21283-00-00 ("Subject Well"), which is located in the N/2 of the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 34, Township 23S, Range 34W, in Finney County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands:

N/2 of the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 6, Township 23S, Range 34W in Finney County, Kansas ("leased premises").
4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandoned status, for the Subject Well on August 7, 2015. The subject well has maintained such status from August 7, 2015 to the present date.

5. On or about August 28, 2025, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well would be denied from and after September 27, 2025, because Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years. The Kansas Corporation Commission then reached out to Applicant via email on September 25, 2025 to grant Applicant an extension until November 21, 2025 for the deadline to file the temporary exception application due to crops surrounding the well location.
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 exception.
7. On or about October 27, 2025, the Subject Well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and the point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well.
8. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the Subject Well, because Applicant intends to use the well as a backup salt water disposal well in the Cedar Hills Formation.
9. Applicant submits the following information regarding the well in support of the Application:
  - a. There are 3 wells, 2 producing oil wells and the Subject Well on the lease.
  - b. An estimated cost to plug this well and the remaining wells on this lease is \$80,000.00. Plugging the Subject Well would result in an economic waste due to future disposal needs.
  - c. Estimated current production is 3.64 barrels per day.

- d. A basic estimation of remaining reserves and an explanation of the basis for estimation is as follows: Estimated recoverable oil reserves from the zone is 30,000 to 40,000 barrels based upon production estimation. Plugging the Subject Well would result in an economic waste due to future water injection needs, and the loss of possible oil and gas reserves present in the zone.
  - e. An explanation of what has already been done and what will need to be done to use the well as a salt water disposal well is as follows: Subject Well is currently in temporary abandonment status and needs cement to surface, run bond long, perforate, and run salt water line to tank battery to be converted properly.
  - f. The estimated cost of conversion to disposal is \$30,000.00. Plugging the subject well would result in an economic waste due to future disposal needs.
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 forgoing, 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 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

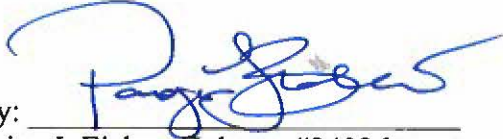
B. Each person who owns any mineral interest of record in and under any lands located within one-half (1/2) mile radius of Subject Well (provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease).

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 of 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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By:   
Paige J. Eichert Zolotor, #24026  
General Counsel

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS )

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COUNTY OF SEDGWICK )

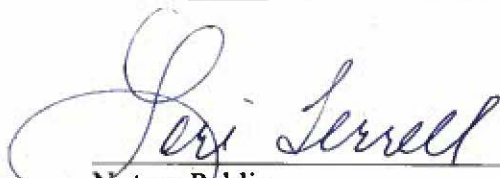
Paige J. Eichert Zolotor, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon her oath deposes and states:

That she has the authority on behalf of Hartman Oil Co., Inc., to file this application, that she has read the above and foregoing application and is familiar with the contents thereof; and, that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

  
Paige J. Eichert Zolotor

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.



  
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires:

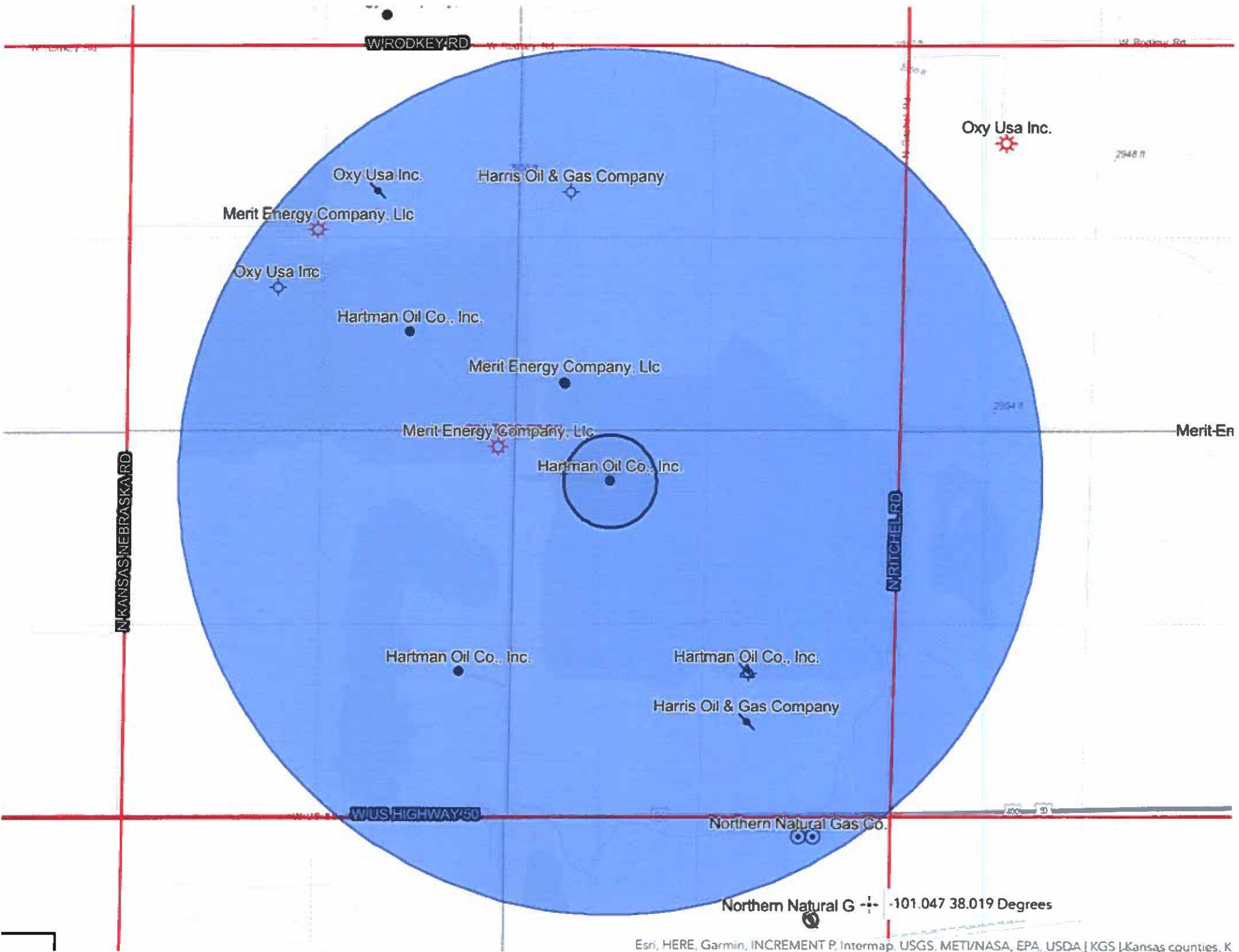
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, true and correct copies of the above and forgoing 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 in paragraph 12 of said Application and each party set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original to the Kansas Corporation Commission

  
Paige J. Eicher Zolotor, #24026



## EXHIBIT "A"

- A. Each operator of oil and gas lease(s) covering lands within ½ mile radius of the subject well as follows:

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N/2 of the NW/4 of the SE/4 HARTMAN OIL CO

NE/4 MERIT ENERGY, 13727 Noel Rd., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75240-7312

W/2 MERIT ENERGY, 13727 Noel Rd., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75240-7312

Sec. 35-T23S-R34W

W/2 MERIT ENERGY, 13727 Noel Rd., Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75240-7312

- B. Each person who owns any mineral interest of record in and under any lands located within one-half mile radius of the Subject Well as follows:

GARDEN CITY COMPANY, PO Box 597, Garden City, KS 67846