

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

In the matter of the Application of Richlan)	Docket No.: 19-CONS-3066-CEXC
Drilling for an exception to the 10-year time)	
limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Schneweis 9 well located in the NW/4 of)	
Section 05, Township 17 South, Range 11)	License No.: 31086
West, Barton County, Kansas.)	

MOTION TO CANCEL EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND GRANT APPLICATION

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Staff” and “Commission,” respectively), moves the Commission cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled in this docket and grant the Application of Richlan Drilling (Operator). In support of its motion, Staff states as follows:

I. Background

1. On August 13, 2018, Richlan Drilling (“Operator”) filed an application seeking an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Schneweis #9 well (subject well).¹
2. On August 21, 2018, Operator filed affidavits of publication from The Wichita Eagle and The Great Bend Tribune.²
3. On October 2, 2018, Staff filed a Motion for the Designation of a Prehearing Officer and the Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference stating that the Operator needed to submit a supplemental certificate of service verifying notice was provided pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a(b) and conduct a successful, Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test (MIT) before Staff would recommend approval of Operator’s Application.³

¹ Application ¶11, (August 13, 2018).

² Affidavit of Publication – Wichita Eagle (Aug. 21, 2018); Affidavit of Publication – The Great Bend Tribune (Aug. 21, 2018).

³ Motion for the Designation of a Prehearing Officer and Scheduling of a Prehearing Conference ¶¶4, 6, (Oct. 2, 2018).

4. On October 9, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference for October 25, 2018.⁴

5. On October 16, 2018, Staff received a letter from the Operator verifying that notice of the Application was provided pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a(b).⁵

6. On November 1, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Setting Procedural Schedule setting an Evidentiary Hearing in this matter for December 20, 2018.⁶

7. On November 19, 2018, the subject well passed a Staff-witnessed MIT.⁷

8. The Operator has addressed all of Staff's concerns and the Application now complies with all Commission regulations. Therefore, Staff believes further proceedings are unnecessary and recommends the Commission grant the Operator's Application because the Operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the well, and there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled in this docket for December 20, 2018, and recommends the Commission grant the Operator's Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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⁴ Order Designating Prehearing Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference (Oct. 9, 2018).

⁵ Supplemental Certificate of Service (Oct. 16, 2018).

⁶ Order Setting Procedural Schedule ¶A, (Nov. 1, 2018).

⁷ Exhibit A.

CASING MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST

FILE COPY

DOCKET# For 10yr T/A

Disposal Well ☐ Enhanced Recovery:
 Repressuring ☐
 Flood ☐
 Tertiary ☐

Date injection started

API #15- 009-25205

SE NW NW, Sec 5, T 17 S, R 11 W

950 Feet from North Section Line
 850 Feet from East Section Line

Lease Schneeweis Well # 9
 County Barton

Operator: Richlan Drilling
 Name & Address 5982 Ave

Operator License# 31086
 Contact Person Rick Schreiber

Beaver, KS 67525

Phone 620 587 3605

Max. Auth. Injection Press _____ Psi; Max Inj. Rate _____ bbl/d;

If Dual Completion - Injection above production _____ Injection below production _____

	Conductor	Surface	Production	Liner	Tubing
Size		8 7/8	5 1/2		
Set at		435'	3497'		
Cement Top		0w/225sx	w/100sx	w/	
" Bottom		435'			
DV/Perf.					
Packer type					
Zone of injection	3028'	ft. to ft. 3339'	Perf. or open hole	Perf	

Type MIT: Pressure: 02 Radioactive Tracer Survey: _____ Temperature Survey: _____

F Time: Start 0 Min 15 Min 30 Min

I Pressures: 350 350 350 Set up 1 System Pres. during test _____

L Set up 2 Annular Pres. during test _____

D Set up 3 Fluid loss during test _____ bbls.

T Tested: Casing ☐ or Casing - Tubing Annulus ☒

A The bottom of the tested zone in shut in with wireline Plug, Topped with 1st Cement

Test Date 11/19/18 Using Shane's Tank Service Company's Equipment

The operator hereby certifies that the zone between 0 feet and 2998' feet

was the zone tested x Rick L. Schreiber Signature Title

The results were Satisfactory x Marginal _____ Not Satisfactory _____

State Agent: Bruce Modine Title: E.C.R.S. Witness: YES x NO

REMARKS: Wireline plug set 2998' Topped with 1st Cement

KCC Ogrin. Conservation Div.: _____ KDHE/T: 04 Dist. Office

Computer Update Is there Chemical Sealant or a Mechanical Casing patch in the annular space? (Y/N) x

GPS Lat 38.60628 GPS Long -098.56921 (If YES please describe in REMARKS) KCC Form U-7
 4319 FSL 4435 FEL

Exhibit A

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

Lauren N. Wright, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon her oath deposes and states that she is Litigation Counsel for the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas; that she has read and is familiar with the foregoing *Motion*, and attests that the statements therein are true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief.

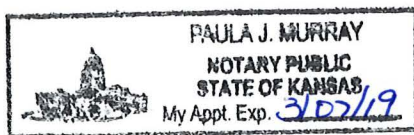


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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26 day of Nov, 2018.


Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 3/07/19



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Motion has been served to the following parties by means of electronic service on November 26, 2018.

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