THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the matter of a Compliance Agreement between Robert E. Housel and Commission Staff regarding bringing 30 wells into compliance with K.A.R. 82-3-111. Docket No.: 19-CONS-3386-CMSC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 6700

STATUS UPDATE TO COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT

On May 23, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Approving Compliance Agreement in this docket. The Agreement provides that upon good cause shown, the Operator may receive an extension of time to achieve compliance for up to 30 days from the applicable deadline, if the Operator requested an extension at least seven days prior to the applicable deadline.¹

On September 27, 2019, the Operator requested an extension of time from the quarterly deadline in order to plug, return to service, or repair and TA the well(s) that are subject to this deadline. The District #3 Supervisor recommends approving the Operator's extension request to October 15, 2019. The District Supervisor's email correspondence dated September 30, 2019, is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Staff hereby recommends approving the Operators request for an extension of time to October 15, 2019, to achieve compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See Compliance Agreement at paragraph 3.

Paula Murray

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments: Troy Russell Monday, September 30, 2019 8:35 AM Rick Housel Paula Murray; John Almond RE: Robert Housel agreement Robert E. Housel #6700.pdf

Mr. Housel,

You are correct in indicating that you did not make the request within the time frames specified in the agreement. I also understand that the weather has proved challenging during the Q3 of 2019 but we have numerous other agreements enforce in Montgomery county that have maintained their quarterly objectives. Industry has also been active in conducting MIT's, completions, and plugging's in Montgomery county during this period.

I will recommend an extension through 10/15/2019, per your request, to achieve your Q3 objective of bringing 3 wells into compliance. However it is *very important* that you understand that this *will not extend* the overall completion date of *9/30/2021* for this agreement. If this extension is approved by the Commission you will need to have your Q3 objectives completed by 10/15/2019 and still complete your Q4 objectives of 3 additional wells by 12/31/2019. Staff will notify you of the Commission's decision when it has been made. In the meantime I would encourage you to work towards completing your Q3 objectives as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact John Almond or Myself.

Sincerely,



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From: Rick Housel <rdhousel@yahoo.com> Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 4:14 AM To: Troy Russell <t.russell@kcc.ks.gov> Cc: j.almond@kss.ks.gov Subject: Robert Housel agreement

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Mr. Russell,

We have had 3 weeks down in this part of Montgomery County without rains. The landowner on the Forman lease that we're working on indicated that his other leaser that cuts and bales the hay off the meadow where the Forman #3 and #4 are located is suppossed to bale that meadow soon. We have started clearing around the above mentioned wells by hand but have hesitated in taking heavier equipment across the meadow as the path to both wells will make haying the meadow more difficult. As mentioned above we have'nt had any dry periods during this unusually damp year and we have been struggling to cut and put up hay ourselves and are behind just as his leaser is. I have discussed this with the landowner and he appreciates that we have waited but realizes that our deadline for working on the wells is approaching. I intend to start moving heavier equipment across the property (backhoe,rig, truck and pipe trailer) but can see that we are not going to meet the quarterly deadline of Tuesday, October 1st. I understand that I am also late in requesting this but as you may know I've been tied up since Tuesday doing some other very important KCC work with the legal department and did'nt think about sending this to you until that was completed.

As we won't be waiting on the hay crew I'm confident that we can have the two wells mentioned above equipped and pumping by October 15 which would extend our agreed deadline by two weeks. We ask of you to please consider this and let us know as soon as you can if you can grant us this request. We would appreciate your consideration and assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call or email me at 620-252-8656 or rdhousel@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for considering this and we will be awaiting your comments, questions or approval.

Respectfully,

Rick Housel Robert Housel