

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

In the matter of the application of Berexco)	Docket No. 25-CONS- <u>3363</u> CEXC
LLC for an exception to the 10-year)	
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its)	
Hinkhouse #5 well located in)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
the NE NE SE NW of Sec 14, T9S, R21W)	
Graham County, Kansas.)	
_____)	License No.: 34318

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Berexco LLC (“Operator”) for its application in the captioned matter states as follows:

1. Operator is a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Operator’s address is 2020 North Bramblewood, Wichita, Kansas 67206.
2. Operator has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator’s License #34318, which expires on October 30, 2025.
3. Operator is the owner and operator of the Hinkhouse #5 well, API #15-065-30030-0001 which is located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 21 West, Graham County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease comprising the following lands: The East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 21 West, Graham County, Kansas.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, Operator obtained temporary abandonment status for the Hinkhouse 5 well on March 20, 2012. The subject well has maintained such status from March 2012 to the present date.

5. 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 regulations through an application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Operator seeks a second exception.

6. The subject well demonstrated mechanical integrity as evidenced by passage of Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test on or about April 29, 2025.

7. Operator is keeping the subject well for possible future conversion to an injection well or a saltwater disposal well. The subject well should not be plugged to prevent economic waste associated with re-drilling for future needs as an injection or disposal well. Estimated cost to plug this well is \$25,000. The cost to convert the well to injection or disposal capability is estimated to be \$60,000. Current production on the lease is approximately 5 barrels of oil per day.

8. Operator has included a plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, saltwater disposal, temporarily abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises as the subject well. There are two active producing wells, and 1 temporarily abandoned oil well (including the subject well) on the lease.

9. Based on the foregoing, Operator 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 the three (3) years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation, subject to yearly renewal with the appropriate Conservation Division District, but without further

need to re-apply for a new exception each of the three (3) years prayed for in this application to the Commission.

10. 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 the subject well (provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease).

11. Notice of this application has been 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 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,

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Wichita, KS 67206
316-265-3311
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By: 
Signature of Submitter

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 1st day of May, 2025, true and correct copies of the Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each of the unleased mineral owner(s) and operator(s) set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Operator, and the above and foregoing original Application was uploaded to the Kansas Corporation Commission via E-filing Express to a new docket.

Jon Hayward
Name of Signed

EXHIBIT A

Hinkhouse #5 notice area

Operator – SW/4 Sec. 11-9S-21W

Bowman Oil Company
505 Codell Road
Codell, KS 67663

Unleased mineral owner – SE/4 Sec. 11-9S-21W

O'Brate Royalty, Inc.
P. O. Box 399
Garden City, KS 67846-0399

Operator – W/2 NW/4 Sec. 14 and E/2 Sec. 15-9S-21W

Patterson Energy LLC
P. O. Box 400
Hays, KS 67601-0400

Surface owner – E/2 NW/4 Sec. 14-9S-21W (Hinkhouse #5 wellsite)

Cynthia Peticolas and James Hopping
P. O. Box 117
Damar, KS 67632-0117

Operator – E/2 NW/4 Sec. 14-9S-21W

Berexco LLC
2020 N. Bramblewood
Wichita, KS 67206

Operator – NE/4 Sec. 14-9S-21W

Downing-Nelson Oil Co., Inc.
P. O. Box 1019
Hays, KS 67601

Unleased mineral owner – E/2 SE/4 Sec. 14-9S-21W

Kelly Brault
1994 Chemin Rd.
Missoula, MT 59808

Operator – W/2 SE/4 and SW/4 Sec. 14-9S-21W

Gore Oil Company
202 S. St. Francis
Wichita, KS 67202

BEREXCO LLC

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: BEREXCO LLC. - - Application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Hinkhouse #5 well, located in Graham County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Berexco LLC has filed an application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Hinkhouse #5 well located in the NE NE SE NW of Section 14-9S-21W, Graham County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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