

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

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Energy Company, LLC, for an Order)	
Authorizing the Unitization and Unit)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Operation of the East Mustang Unit to be)	
<u>located in Morton County, Kansas</u>)	License No. 32446

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TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LAND-OWNERS, OVERRIDING ROYALTY INTEREST OWNERS, OTHER OWNERS OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, MORTGAGEES OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You and each of you are hereby notified that Merit Energy Company, LLC ("Merit") has filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq., seeking an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the East Mustang Unit ("Unit"). The area of the proposed Unit, which will be operated by Merit, includes the N/2, SE/4 and E/2 SW/4 of Section 5, and the W/2 SW/4 of Section 4, all in Township 33 South, Range 42 West, Morton County, Kansas.

Merit proposes to unitize the oil and gas rights to a pool within the Morrow formation beneath the area of the Unit described as the stratigraphic equivalent of the top of the Morrow shale found at a measured depth of 4,490' (-956' subsea TVD) to the top of the St. Genevieve formation found at a measured depth of 5,019' (-1,484' subsea TVD) as shown in the well logs for the Blount 1-5 well, API No. 15-129-21662, located approximately 2,310' FSL and 2,588' FWL in Section 5-T33S-R42W. Merit intends to conduct a secondary recovery waterflood operation within said pool in order to increase the recovery of oil reserves, and will allocate such production from the Unit across five tracts within the Unit on a fair, reasonable and equitable basis.

The Application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to the granting of the Application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within 15 days after the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the Application may be determined administratively by the Commission and may thereby be granted without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the Application will violate correlative rights, cause waste, or pollute water resources. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202, with a copy to Merit's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

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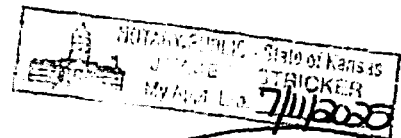
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Clifford F. Blackmore

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this
10 day of April 2024



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