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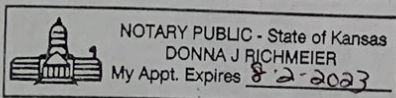
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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Merit Energy Company, LLC, for an Order Authorizing the Unitization and Unit Operation of the River Bend Chester Unit to be located in Finney County, Kansas

Docket No. 20-CONS-3148-CUNI
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No. 32446

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LANDOWNERS, 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 River Bend Chester Unit ("Unit"). The area of the proposed Unit, which will be operated by Merit, includes the following described lands situated in Finney County, Kansas:

Township 24 South, Range 32 West:
Section 26: Lot 1, Lot 7, W/2 SW/4, and the Arkansas River riverbed lying in the W/2 W/2
Section 27: Lot 1, and the Arkansas River riverbed
Section 34: E/2 NE/4, and SE/4
Section 35: W/2 NW/4

Merit proposes to unitize the oil rights to a pool within the Chester formation beneath the area of the Unit. The stratigraphic equivalent of the Chester formation is shown on the logs for the River Bend #6 well (API No. 15-055-22505) to exist between the measured depths of 4,798' (-1,946' subsea TVD) and 4,835' (-1,983' subsea TVD). Merit intends to conduct enhanced oil recovery operations within said pool in order to increase the recovery of oil reserves, and will allocate oil production from the Unit across seven individual tracts 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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