

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Haas Petroleum,	)	22-CONS-3219-CEXC
LLC for an Exception to the 10-year Time Limitation	)	Docket No.21-CONS-_____ - _____
of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Steele # 9-1 Well Located in	)	License No. 33640
the SW/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 15	)	Conservation Division
East, Woodson County, Kansas.	)	

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Haas Petroleum, LLC and in support of its Application in the captioned matter,  
states as follows:

1. Applicant is a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is P.O. Box 8396, Prairie Village, KS 66208-1936.

2. Applicant's Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") Operator's License number is 33640.

3. Applicant is the operator of the Steele # 9-1 Well, API No. 15-207-26782-00-00 located in the SW/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 15 East, Woodson County, Kansas. The Subject Wells is located on an active oil and gas lease comprising the following lands:

SW/4 of Section 9, Township 24 South, Range 15 East, all in Woodson County, Kansas.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, Applicant became the operator of the Subject Well effective June 3, 2005. The Subject Well was inactive when Applicant became the operator of such well. The Subject Well has maintained such status to the present date.

5. On or about October 26, 2021, the Commission Staff denied Applicant's temporary abandonment well application for the Subject Well because the Subject Well was believed to have been shut-in for more than ten (10) years. Applicant does not believe the Subject Well has ever been

granted Temporary Abandonment status ("TA status") by the Kansas Corporation Commission, and Applicant does not know how long the Subject Well has been shut-in.

6. 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 regulation through an Application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Applicant seeks such an exception.

7. Applicant wishes to obtain TA status for the Subject Well, because Applicant intends to use the Subject Well as a producing well.

8. Applicant submits the following information regarding the Subject Well in support of this Application. The Subject Well is a stranded coalbed methane gas well. In order to determine the production potential for the Subject Well, such well must be connected to a gas gathering and saltwater disposal system so that the formation can be de-watered. The Subject Well is not connected to either a gas gathering system or a salt water disposal system, therefore Applicant has been unable to de-water the formation surrounding the Subject Well or produce from said well. Now that natural gas prices are rebounding, Applicant is hopeful that a natural gas market will be extended to the Subject Well and that Applicant can begin producing said well in order to determine its true production potential.

9. Applicant has included a plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, temporarily abandoned, abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises as the Subject Well.

10. Based on the foregoing, Applicant 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 three (3) years from and after the order entered in this Docket. Applicant understands that the exception would be valid for three (3) years, but Applicant would still need to apply annually to the Conservation Division District Office for approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.

11. 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 (½) 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).

12. Notice of this Application will be 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 Application 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.



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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

Keith A. Brock, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That he is the attorney for Haas Petroleum, LLC, named in the foregoing Application, and is duly authorized file this application; that he has read the foregoing Application and is familiar with the contents thereof; and, that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



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Keith A. Brock

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.



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Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each party set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original to the Kansas Corporation Commission.



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Keith A. Brock

## EXHIBIT A

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# Steele Lease

Part of Sec. 9, T24S-R15E

Kanana Rd

Steele 9-1

Stfr9-3

170th Rd

170th Rd



2000 ft