

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

In the matter of the Application of Oil Producers,)	Docket No. 20-CONS- ³⁰⁸⁶ _____ -CEXC
Inc. of Kansas for an exception to the 10-year)	
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-11 for its)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Reiss A #1 well located in the SW/4 of		
Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 32 West,)	License No.: 8061
<u>Seward County, Kansas.</u>)	

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Oil Producers Inc., of Kansas ("Applicant") in support of its Application in the captioned matter and states as follow:

1. Applicant is a Corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Kansas at 1710 Waterfront Parkway, Wichita, KS 67206.
2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License 8061, which expires January 30, 2020.
3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Reiss A #1 well, API # 15-175-20267-00-00 ("subject well"), located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE SW) of Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 32 West, Seward County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands:

South Half (S/2) of Section 23, Township 32S, Range 32 West, and the South Half (S/2) of Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 32 West, Seward County, Kansas
4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status, for the subject well on February 11, 2009. The subject well has maintained such status from February 11, 2009 to the present date.
5. On or about March 26, 2019, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied from and after April 23, 2019, because subject well has been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years.
6. K.A.R. 82-3-11 imposes a 10-year limitation on the amount of the 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. Operator will schedule a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well as soon as possible.

8. Operator wishes to continue TA status for the subject well. Operator feels this 3 year extension is needed to preserve the option of using the subject well for the following reasons and/or purpose(s): 1) possible future return of the well into production after current depressed gas prices have improved, 2) possible re-completion as a backup disposal for our Reiss A SWD which services our adjacent Stanley #2 in addition to nine other operated wells in the surrounding area . This subject well should not be plugged to prevent economic waste associated with re-drilling. Estimated cost to plug this well would be \$20,000.00. The cost to drill a new well is estimated to be \$200,000. The Subject Well presents no threat to fresh and usable water resources. The most recent fluid level test taken March 11, 2019, measured fluid 1573' from surface, well below the base of the freshwater table.
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 following the expiration of the 10-year limitation. 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 the 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 (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 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 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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EXHIBIT "A"

Operator E/2 Sec. 23-32S-32W

Raydon Exploration Inc.
1601 NW Expressway, Ste 1300
Oklahoma City, OK 73118-1462

Unleased mineral owners:

E/2 Section 24-32S-32W
Reiss Farmland LP
20494 Highway 160
Plains, KS 67859

NW/4 Section 25-32S-32W Less R/W
Camella & Roger Gardner
8733 Deer Run St.
Lenexa, KS 66220

NE/4 Section 25-32S-32W Less R/W
Marcille Birney
321 S. Parkway Blvd.
Liberal, KS 67901

NE/4 Sec. 23-32S-32W
Derek & Amy Nickel
1197 TT Road
Copeland, KS 67837

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