

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

In the matter of the Application of Grand Mesa)
Operating Company for an exception to the)
10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111)
for its Charlie Brown #1-24 well located in)
the N/2 NW SW SE of Sec 24, T33S, R16W,)
Comanche County, Kansas)

Docket No. 25-CONS-3364-CEXC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 9855

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Grand Mesa Operating Company ("Applicant") in support of its Application in the captioned matter states as follows:

1. Applicant is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is 1700 N. Waterfront Pkwy, B600, Wichita, Kansas 67206.

2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License #9855, which expires on August 30, 2025.

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Charlie Brown #1-24 well, API #15-033-21688-00-01 which is located in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 33 South, Range 16 West, Comanche County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands:

Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 33 South, Range 16 West, Comanche
County, Kansas

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status for the subject well in August, 2015. The subject well has maintained such status from August, 2015, to the present date.

5. On or about April 15, 2025, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well would be denied from and after August 15, 2025, because the Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for 10 years or more.

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

7. On or about April 3, 2025, the Subject Well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed casing integrity test of the casing between the surface and the CIBP set @ 4780'.

8. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the Subject Well, because the Applicant intends to use the well for potentially resuming commercial production from the Pawnee and Mississippian zones and potential up-hole intervals.

9. The subject should not be plugged to prevent economic waste associated with re-drilling for future needs. The Charlie Brown #1-24 is the only oil well on the lease. There is a gas zone behind pipe, which correlates to an interval opened in an offset well in 2022. This gas zone has about 200 MMCF reserves but will cost an estimated \$120,500.00 to complete. The equipment on the well and infrastructure to a gas line are the majority costs. Finally, the estimated cost to plug and abandon the subject well is \$39,000.

10. 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.

11. 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 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.

12. 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).

13. Notice of this application will be published in the County Newspaper and The Wichita Eagle 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,

Michael J. Reilly
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Wichita, KS 67206
316-265-3000
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BY: 
Michael J. Reilly, President of
Grand Mesa Operating Company

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
)
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK) ss:

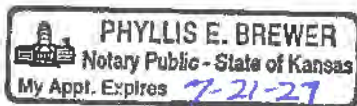
Michael J. Reilly, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon oath states:


That he has the authority on behalf of Grand Mesa Operating Company to file this application, that he has read the above and 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.



Michael J. Reilly, President of
Grand Mesa Operating Company

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May, 2025






Phyllis E Brewer, Notary Public
11817 W. Jamesburg St.,
Wichita, KS 67212

(1347)

My appointment expires: July 21, 2027

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 2nd day of May, 2025, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Application and the Notice of Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the landowner/s set forth in paragraph 12 of said Application, each party set forth in the Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original application was delivered to the Kansas Corporation Commission.



Michael J. Reilly, President
Grand Mesa Operating Company

EXHIBIT "A"

- A. Each operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the subject Well are identified below:

All Sec. 24-33S-16W

Grand Mesa Operating Company
1700 N. Waterfront Pkwy, B600
Wichita, KS 67206

All Sec. 25-33S-16W

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- B. Each person who owns any mineral interests of record in and under any lands located within one-half (1/2) mile radius of subject well (provided that such material interests is not covered by any oil and gas lease) are identified below:

All Sec. 24-33S-16W & All Sec. 25-33S-16W

Ann W. Rowe
6880 Beaver Creek Dr.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Harold A. Merrill Testamentary Trust
403 S. Cheyenne, Ste 800
Tulsa, OK 74103

Helen DeLynne Merrill
1156 Tahiti Circle
Davenport, FL 33897

Catherin V. Merrill Partners
8010 State Line Rd. Ste 220 Kansas
City, MO 64112

Wolfe Family GST Trust
6000 Longwood Rd
Huntington, WV 25705

Donald E. Merrill Trust
1030 W. 53rd Terrace
Kansas City, MO 64112

SW/4 19 & NW/4 30-33S-16W

Keeling Land and Cattle Company LLC
PO Box 326
Monett, MO 65708

C. The name and address of the landowner on whose land the well affected by this

Application is located is identified below:

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**Charlie Brown #1-24 TA
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Comanche County, Kansas**

Author:
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Date:
2 May, 2025

GRAND MESA OPERATING COMPANY

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

RE: GRAND MESA OPERATING COMPANY - - Application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Charlie Brown #1-24, located in Comanche 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 Grand Mesa Operating Company has filed an application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Charlie Brown #1-24, located in the N/2 NW/4 SW/4 SE/4 of Section 24-33S-16W, Comanche 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.

GRAND MESA OPERATING COMPANY

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