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CONSERVATION DIVISION  
WICHITA, KS

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
BLUERIDGE PETROLEUM CORPORATION )  
FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE PIT CLOSURE )  
TIME REQUIREMENT OF K.A.R. 82-3-602 FOR )  
THE MESEKE #1-29 WELL LOCATED IN THE )  
SW/4 OF SECTION 29-T12S-R9E WABAUNSEE )  
COUNTY, KANSAS )

DOCKET NO. 19-CONS-3366-CEXC

LICENSE NO. 31930

CONSERVATION DIVISION

APPLICATION

COMES NOW BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation, ("Operator") in support of its application in the captioned matter states as follows:

1. Operator is a Colorado corporation licensed to do business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's mailing address is P.O. Box 30545, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003.

2. Operator has been issued license no. 31930 by the Commission, which license expires on September 30, 2019.

3. Operator is the owner and operator of the Meseke #1-29 well, API #15-197-20303-0000, in the SW/4 of Section 29-T12S-R9E, Wabaunsee County, Kansas. Said well was completed as a dry hole in October of 2017.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-601a, Operator constructed temporary reserve and working pits in order to contain the drilling fluids associated with the drilling of the Meseke #1-29 wellbore. The pits were constructed in October of 2017. This well was plugged and abandoned on October 19, 2017.

5. On September 25, 2018 the KCC approved a Notice of Intent to Drill covering the wash down of the Meseke #1-29. The approval of this permit included the re-permitting of the existing original pits to be utilized during the re-drilling of this well.

6. The Meseke #1-29 OWWO, API #15-197-20303-0001, was spud on October 29, 2018 and production casing was successfully run on November 4, 2018. This well was temporarily completed on December 17, 2018.

7. On November 27, 2018 the Operator contacted the Commission and requested an extension to the pit closure deadline. On November 28, 2018, the Commission notified the Operator that the request for the extension had been approved, and the new deadline for closing the drilling pits was March 1, 2019. On April 5, 2019, the Operator contacted the Commission and requested an additional extension to the pit closure deadline. On April 10, 2019, the

Commission informed the Operator that an extension of time to close the subject pits was unavailable, and that any exception to K.A.R. 82-3-602 must be applied for via formal application with notice published under K.A.R. 82-3-100.

8. K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)-1 sets a 365-day limit to close all pits associated with the drilling of a new wellbore, K.A.R. allows for any extension of the pit closure by written request and approval of the director.

9. Operator requests this application be approved for the following reasons: a) It is accepted best practice by industry and landowners alike not to close any open earthen pit until they have thoroughly dried out. Closing pits prior to thoroughly drying commonly results in future issues, such as collapse and erosion. The Meseke #1-29 OWWO pits are not dry as of the date of this application; b) the precipitation levels in this portion of Kansas have been extraordinarily high in 2018 and early 2019, not allowing the subject pits to be filled, despite efforts to facilitate drying by the Operator, such as removing free fluids from the pits. Granting a six-month extension to the deadline to fill the subject pits will likely allow the pits to dry and be filled during the fall of 2019, when the warm and dry conditions are most conducive to drying.

10. Based on the foregoing, Operator requests that the Commission grant an exception to the 365-day deadline and subsequent extensions of K.A.R. 82-3-602, to allow the subject pits to remain open and properly dry before being filled. Operator requests this extension be for 180 days.

11. There exists no other oil and gas operators within a one-half mile radius of the subject wellbore.

12. There are several un-leased mineral and surface owners within a one-half mile radius of the subject wellbore:

Karen Laue  
The Douglas A. Laue Trust dated November 11, 2011  
509 Country Lane  
Council Grove, KS 66846

Kip & Brenda Meseke  
30715 Fairfield Road  
Alma, KS 66401

Bank of America, Trustee of  
The Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust u/a/d August 10, 1990  
P.O. Box 830308  
Dallas, TX 75283-0308

James D. Wineland & Kimberly A. Wineland, Co-Trustees of the  
James D. Wineland Trust dated November 18, 2000  
9400 W. 199<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bucyrus, KS 66013

The attached Exhibit "B" is a plat showing the pits location and grounds, mineral owners, mineral lessees, and surface owners within a one-half mile radius.

13. Notice of this application and any required hearing will be published pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a and K.A.R. 82-3-135.

WHEREFORE, Operator kindly requests that this matter be granted administratively without a hearing, or in the alternative be set for hearing, and upon hearing that the Commission grant Operator's request for a 180-day extension to the pit closure requirement set forth in K.A.R. 82-3-602.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jonathan Allen, President

BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation  
P.O. Box 30545  
Edmond, OK 73003  
(580) 242-3732

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Operator, Lessee or Unleased Mineral Owner  
within a 1/2 mile radius of the

**BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation**  
**Meseke #1-29**  
**330' FSL & 2310' FWL**  
**Sec. 29-T12S-R9E**  
**Wabaunsee County, Kansas**

BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation is filing with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Oil & Gas Division, an Application for an exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-602, you are hereby notified of such action.

### **OFFSET OPERATORS**

BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation  
P.O. Box 30545  
Edmond, OK 73003

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LEASEHOLD**

SE/4 & E/2 W/2 & SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29-T12S-R9E  
NE/4 Sec. 29-T12S-R9E  
N/2 NW/4 Sec. 32-T12S-R9E

### **UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS**

Karen Laue  
Douglas A. Laue Trust dated 11/11/11  
509 Country Lane  
Council Grove, KS 66846

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LEASEHOLD**

NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 29-T12S-R9E  
SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 29-T12S-R9E  
SE/4 Sec. 30-T12S-R9E

James D. Wineland & Kimberly A. Wineland  
Co-Trustees of the James D. Wineland Trust  
dated November 18, 2000  
9400 W. 199th Street  
Bucyrus, KS 66013

NE/4 Sec. 31-T12S-R9E  
S/2 NW/4 Sec. 32-T12S-R9E

Bank of America, Trustee of  
The Lewis H. Humphreys Charitable Trust  
u/a/d August 10, 1990  
P.O. Box 830308  
Dallas, TX 75283-0308

NE/4 Sec. 32-T12S-R9E

### **LANDOWNER**

Kip & Brenda Meseke  
30715 Fairfield Road  
Alma, KS 66401

### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LEASEHOLD**

S/2 SW/4 Sec. 29-T12S-R9E

The undersigned hereby certifies that he is a duly authorized representative and/or agent for the applicant and that on April 23, 2019 notice was mailed or delivered to the above referenced parties.

BLUERIDGE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_




Jonathan Allen, President

STATE OF OKLAHOMA       )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA    )

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23rd day of April, 2019, before me a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, came Jonathan Allen, President of BLUERIDGE PETROLEUM CORPORATION, a corporation duly organized, incorporated, and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado, who is personally known to me to be such officer who executed, as such officer, the within instrument of writing on behalf of such corporation, and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same to be the act and deed of such corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, the day and year last above written.

  
Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>AMANDA KINDSCHI</b> NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OKLAHOMA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 9, 2023 COMMISSION #15002335</p>
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Exhibit "B"  
Pit Closure Exception Application  
Meseke #1-29

