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CONSERVATION DIVISION
WICHITA, KS

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
Thomas E. Wright
Shari Feist Albrecht

In the matter of the Application of Jack Bowles)
for the exception to the 10-year time limitation)
of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Zuege-Nietling 1 well)
located in the W2 of Section 30, Township 24)
South, Range 22 West, Hodgeman County,)
Kansas.)

Docket No. 13-CONS-135-CExc

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License No.: 7567

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Jack Bowles, Jack Bowles in support of its Application in the captioned matter and states as follows:

1. Applicant is an Oil & Gas Operator authorized to do business in the State of Kansas.
Applicant's address is P.O. Box 3285, Edmond, Oklahoma 73083-3285.
2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License number 7567, which expires on June 30, 2013.
3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Zuege-Nietling 1 well, API 15-083-21412 the Zuege-Nietling well, which is located in the West half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 22 West, Hodgeman County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease of unit comprising the following lands:

The Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 22 West, Hodgeman County, Kansas, containing 160 acres, more or less.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-11, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status, for the subject well on December 11, 2003. The subject well has maintained such status from December 11, 2003, to the present date.
5. On or about May 18, 2012, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the well would be denied from and after December 11, 2012, because subject well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) Years.
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. On a date to be determined, the subject well will be tested while a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforations or open hole in the well.
8. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the subject well, because Applicant intends to use the well for the following purpose: Reestablish Commercial Production; if unable to reestablish commercial production would apply to convert into a disposal or injection well.

9. Applicant submits the following information regarding the well in support of the Application.

There are currently two wells on the Zuege-Nietling lease with one in a TA status (subject well), and the second Eining No. 1 dry hole status. As stated in the reason for requesting the extension there would still be value in the subject well if we were unable to restore to commercial production; from the capacity of disposal or injection functionality. The offset well we are currently recompleting will play a big role in that decision. We are gathering estimated plugging costs for the Zuege well and will provide them later on completion of our project. As this is the only potential working well, the leases current production is at nil. The recompletion we are currently working is an offset well by a 1250 ft., and will be instrumental in determining the reserves. We are about sixty percent complete with the work on the offset well and are scheduling to commence the remaining forty percent the second half of December 2012. Estimated cost on the subject well will be greatly influenced by work we have scheduled on the offset well. At the end of the offset project it would be more feasible to estimate cost for the Zuege well. Its key to how we will recomplete the Zuege-Nietling 1 (subject well).

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 **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 approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.

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 subject well (provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease.) This record research is in progress there was not enough time to complete prior to application.

13. 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. There was not time for publication prior to application.

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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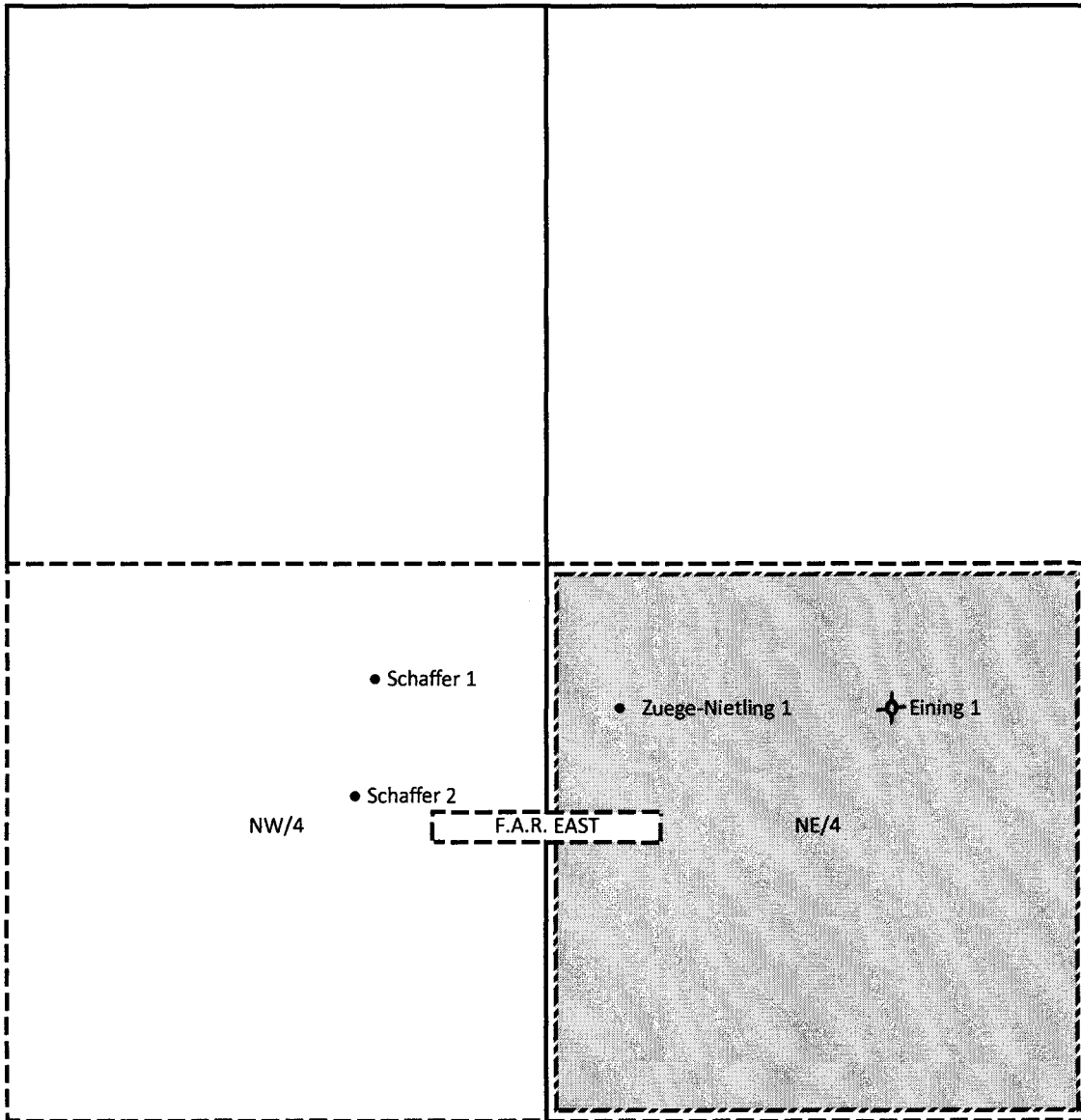
Jack Bowles

EXHIBIT "A"

Paragraph 12:

- A. Jack Bowles, Operator; Eining 1
- B. The record research for unleased mineral owners is in progress there was not time to complete prior to application.

Zuege-Nietling Lease



Section 30 Township 24S Range 22 West
Hodgeman County, Kansas

Attention: Will provide Certificate of Service when service is complete

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this ____ day of _____, [Year], 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 landowners/s set forth in paragraph 12 of said Application and each party set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original and seven (7) copies were delivered through the United States Postal Service to the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Jack Bowles