

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

In the matter of the Application of Oil Producers,)	Docket No. 24-CONS-3031-CEXC
Inc. of Kansas for an exception to the 10-year)	
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its)	CONSERVATION DIVISON
Lang #6 well located in the NE/4 of)	
Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 17 West,)	License No.: 8061
<u>Ellis County, Kansas.</u>)	

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Oil Producers Inc., of Kansas (“Operator”) in support of its’

Application in the captioned matter and states as follow:

1. Operator is a corporation, authorized to do business in the State of Kansas at 1710 Waterfront Parkway, Wichita, KS 67206.
2. Operator has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator’s License 8061, which expires January 30, 2024.
3. Operator is the owner and operator of the Lang #6 well, API # 15-051-25651-00-00 (“subject well”), which is specifically located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, (NW, SE, SE, NE) of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands: Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE, NE) and the

South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S/2, NE) of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas and recorded in Book 88, Page 45, of the records of said county.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100, Operator obtained a 10-year temporary abandonment status for the subject well on or about April 5, 2013. The subject well maintained such status from April 5, 2013 until said status expired on January 17, 2023.
5. On or about January 20, 2023 the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that its' application for temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied from and after February 19, 2023 because the 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 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. Operator seeks such an exception.
7. On or about July 12, 2023, the Subject Well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation in subject well.
8. Operator requests this 3-year extension to preserve the ability to repair the well for production or for possible re-completion for disposal utilization within this area. This Lang lease produces an average of 403.65 barrels of oil per month. The cumulative oil production of this lease from inception is 487,843 barrels of oil. The estimated cost to plug the subject well would be \$28,000.00. The cost to drill a new

well is estimated to be \$500,000.00. The subject well presents no threat to fresh and usable water resources.

9. Operator 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, Operator 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 an appropriate date chosen by the Commission. Operator understands that the exception would be valid for three (3) years, but Operator 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 has been 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 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,

Oil Producers Inc. of Kansas
1710 Waterfront Parkway
Wichita, KS 67206
Phone: (316)681-0231
Fax: (316) 682-3136



Melody E. Fletcher, Chief Operating Officer

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on the 2nd day of August, 2023, true and correct copies of the attached Notice of Filing Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each of the operator(s) and unleased mineral owner(s) and set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Operator, and the above and foregoing original Application was uploaded to the Kansas Corporation Commission via E-filing Express to a new docket.

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

RE: Oil Producers, Inc. of Kansas - Application seeking exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Lang #6 well, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, (NW, SE, SE, NE) of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 17 West, Ellis 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 Oil Producers, Inc. of Kansas, has filed an application for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A. R. 82-3-111 for the Lang #6 well, located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, (NW, SE, SE, NE) of Section 8, Township 14 South, Range 17 West, Ellis County, Kansas.

Any person who objects to, or intends to protest this application, shall be required to file their objections or protests 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.

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1710 Waterfront Parkway
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EXHIBIT “A”

Each operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the subject well:

Hertel Oil Company, LLC
704 E. 12th St.
Hays, KS 67601

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):

Unleased mineral owners:

Donald P. & Donetta A. Lang Rev. Liv. Trust
307 Cathedral Avenue
Victoria, KS 67671-9532

Gretta L. Hoffman
2718 Thunderbird Drive
Hays, KS 67601-9335

Humane Society of the High Plains Inc.
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Robert L. Dinkel Rev. Liv. Trust
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Schmeidler Family Trust
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Todd Dinkel
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