

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

In the matter of the application of Beren Corporation for a fourth exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Sterling #4 well located in the N/2 NW NW NE of Sec 5, Township 35 South, Range 12 West, Barber County, Kansas)	Docket No. 20-CONS- <u>3154</u> -CEXC
)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
)	License No.: 5364

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Beren Corporation (“Operator”) for its application in the captioned matter states as follows:

1. Operator is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Operator’s address is 2020 N. Bramblewood, Wichita, Kansas 67206.

2. Operator has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator’s License #5364, which expires on June 30, 2020.

3. Operator is the owner and operator of the Sterling #4 well, API #15-007-21112-00-00, which is located in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 35 South, Range 12 West in Barber County, Kansas.

The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease comprising the following land:

Sterling Lease – Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 34 South, Range 12 West, and North Half of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 35 South, Range 12 West, Barber County, Kansas, containing 200 acres, more or less (“leased premises”).

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, Operator obtained temporary abandonment status for the subject well in August 1983. The subject well has maintained such status from August 1983 to the present date.

5. On or about August 20, 2009, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied because the subject well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years. Operator filed for and received approval for an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-111 on June 29, 2010.

6. On or about April 30, 2013, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied because the subject well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years. Operator filed for and received approval for an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-111 on November 5, 2013.

7. On or about September 28, 2016, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that the 3-year extension to K.A.R. 82-3-111 was expiring November 5, 2016. Operator filed for and received approval for an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-111 on November 17, 2016.

8. On or about September 27, 2019, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that the 3-year extension to K.A.R. 82-3-111 was expiring November 17, 2019. K.A.R. 82-3-111 provides for an additional exception to be obtained through an application filed with the Commission. Operator seeks such an exception.

9. The subject well has demonstrated mechanical integrity, as evidenced by passage of a mechanical integrity test done November 20, 2019, which was witnessed by a member of the Kansas Corporation Commission staff.

10. Operator is holding the subject well for inclusion in a potential future secondary recovery project in the Mississippi Zone. The subject well is also a candidate for a large volume slick water frac stimulation. Plugging the subject well would result in economic waste associated with the expense of re-drilling the subject well for future secondary recovery operations and loss of potential reserves that could be recovered with a large slick water frac stimulation. The estimated cost to plug and abandon this well is \$20,000; the estimated cost of the slickwater frac is \$125,000. The Sterling lease has three active wells producing 0.5 BOPD and 8 MCF/D. The total estimated cost to plug all remaining wells on the lease is \$80,000.

11. 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.

12. Based on the foregoing, Operator requests the Commission grant an additional 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 November 17, 2019 expiration of the second exception to 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.

13. 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 wells; 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 wells

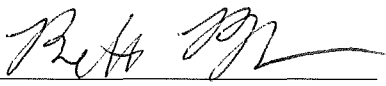
(provided that such mineral interest is not covered by any oil and gas lease).

14. 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.

WHEREFORE, Operator prays that this matter be set for hearing, and upon hearing, that the Commission grant Operator's request for a second exception to the 10-year limitation during which wells may be temporarily abandoned pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111 so as to allow the subject wells to remain temporarily abandoned for three (3) years following the November 17, 2019 expiration of the first exception to 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett Blazer
Beren Corporation
2020 N. Bramblewood
Wichita, KS 67206
316-265-3311
Fax #316-681-4722

By: 
Signature of Submitter

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SEDGWICK) ss:

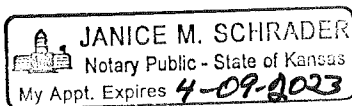
Brett Blazer, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon oath states:

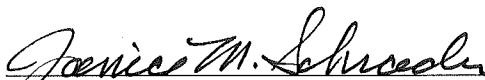
That he has the authority on behalf of Operator to file this application, has read the application, knows the contents, and knows all of the statements in the application are true and correct.



Signature of Submitter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 2019.





Notary Public

My appointment expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 20th day of November, 2019, 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 unleased mineral owner(s) and operator(s) set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Operator, and a digital scan of the application was delivered electronically to the Kansas Corporation Commission.



Brett Blazer

EXHIBIT A

Sterling #4

Beren Corporation
2020 N. Bramblewood
Wichita, KS 67206

Diel Properties, LLC
212 Coats
Kiowa, KS 67070

Herman Loeb, L.L.C.
P. O. Box 838
Lawrenceville, IL 62439

Beren Corporation

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

RE: BEREN CORPORATION. - - Application for a fourth exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Sterling #4 located in Barber 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 Beren Corporation has filed an application for a fourth exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Sterling #4, located in the N/2 NW NW NE of Section 5-35S-12W, Barber 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.

BEREN CORPORATION
2020 N. Bramblewood
Wichita, Kansas 67206
316-265-3311

Beren Corporation

Application for Exception

Sterling #4
N/2 NW NW NE 5-35S-12W
Barber County, KS

POSTED WELL DATA

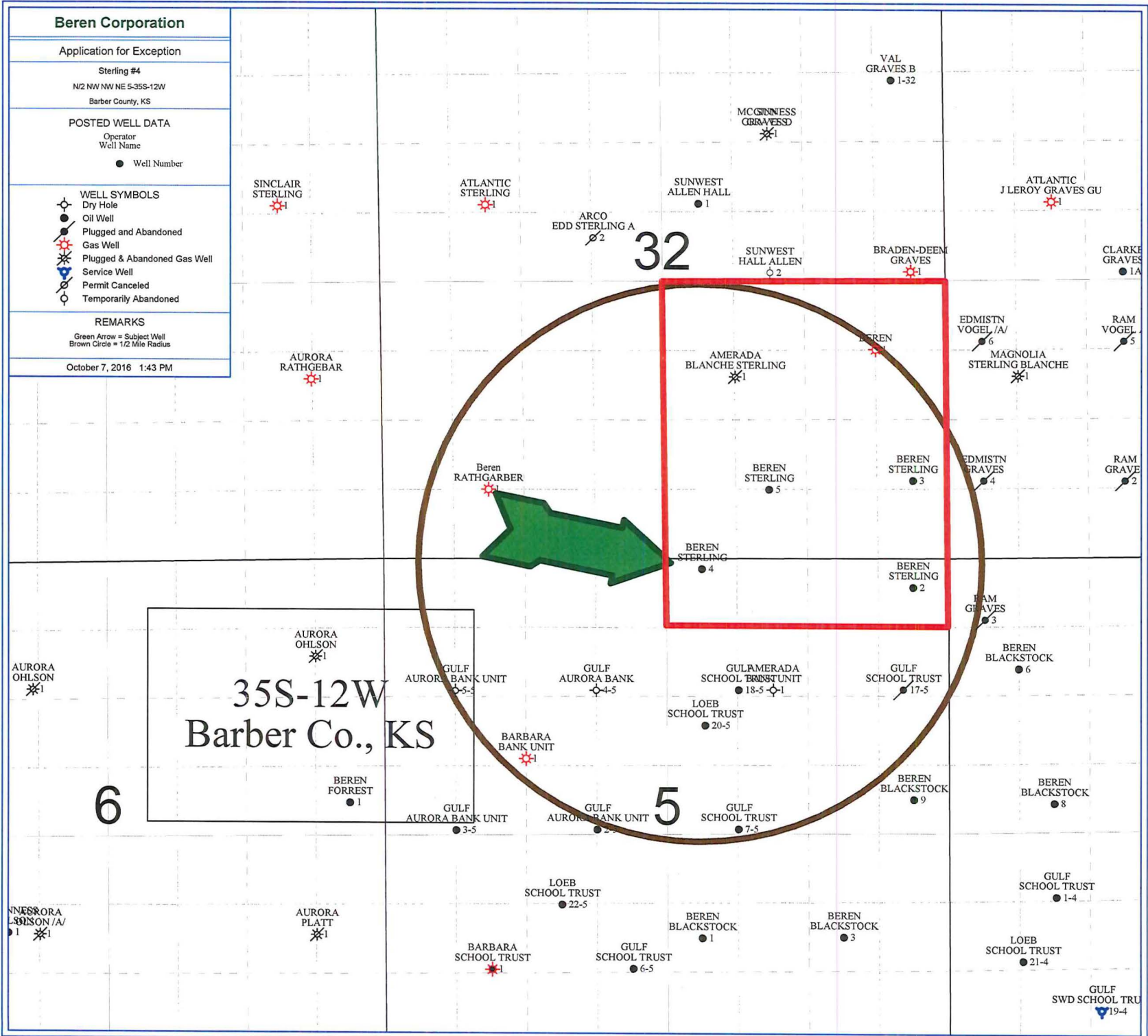
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Well Name
● Well Number

- WELL SYMBOLS
- Dry Hole
 - Oil Well
 - ⊗ Plugged and Abandoned
 - ⊗ Gas Well
 - ⊗ Plugged & Abandoned Gas Well
 - ⊗ Service Well
 - ⊗ Permit Canceled
 - ⊗ Temporarily Abandoned

REMARKS

Green Arrow = Subject Well
Brown Circle = 1/2 Mile Radius

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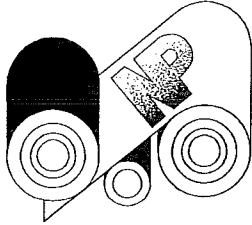
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STATE OF KANSAS. BARBER COUNTY

Kevin Noland

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110 N. Main P.O. Box 127
Medicine Lodge,
Kansas 67104



THAT said newspaper has been published weekly, fifty (50) times a
year and HAS BEEN PUBLISHED for at least on year prior to the
first publication of the attached notice:

THAT said newspaper was entered as second class mail matter at
the post office of its publication.

THAT said newspaper has a general paid circulation in BARBER
County, Kansas and is

NOT a trade, religious or fraternal publication and has been
PUBLISHED IN BARBER County, Kansas and

THAT ATTACHED PUBLICATION was published on the follow-
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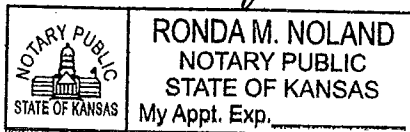
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(SIGN) [Signature]

SUBSCRIBED and sworn before me this 22 day of Oct. 20 19

[Signature]
(Notary Public)

My commission expires: August 28, 2021



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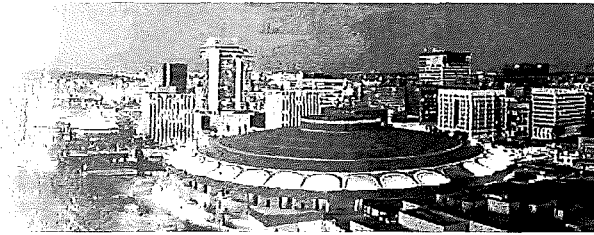
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Wichita, Kansas 67206
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Attention: Brett Blazer
 BEREXCO LLC
 2020 NO. BRAMBLEWOOD
 WICHITA, KS 67206

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In The STATE OF KANSAS
 In and for the County of Sedgwick
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Beginning issue of: 10/17/2019

Ending issue of: 10/17/2019

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County of Sedgwick)

Dale Seiwert, of lawful age, being first duly
 sworn, deposeth and saith: That he is
 Record Clerk of The Wichita Eagle, a daily
 newspaper published in the City of Wichita,
 County of Sedgwick, State of Kansas, and
 having a general paid circulation on a daily
 basis in said County, which said
 newspaper has been continuously and
 uninterruptedly published in said County for
 more than one year prior to the first
 publication of the notice hereinafter
 mentioned, and which said newspaper has
 been entered as second class mail matter
 at the United States Post Office in Wichita,
 Kansas, and which said newspaper is not a
 trade, religious or fraternal publication and
 that a notice of a true copy is hereto
 attached was published in the regular and
 entire Morning issue of said The Wichita
 Eagle from 10/17/2019 to 10/17/2019.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of
 perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signature of Principal Clerk)

DATED: 10/17/2019

JENNIFER RAE BAILEY
 Notary Public - State of Kansas
 My Appt. Expires 6/4/2021

Notary Public Sedgwick County, Kansas