

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

Before Commissioners:

Jay Scott Emler, Chairman  
Shari Feist Albrecht  
Pat Apple

In the Matter of the Application of Dolphin )  
Energy LLC for an Exception to K.A.R. )  
82-3-120(k) to Allow Issuance of an Operator's )  
License Less Than One Year Subsequent to )  
Revocation of Previous License )  
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Docket No. 17-CONS-3503-CEXC

CONSERVATION DIVISION

License no. KLN 33165

**APPLICATION**

COMES NOW Dolphin Energy LLC, by and through counsel John G. Pike, and states as follows:

1. Applicant is a West Virginia limited liability company admitted to do business in Kansas, shown as active and in good standing in the records of the Kansas Secretary of State.

2. Applicant was issued Kansas operator's license no. KLN 33165 and has been an active operator in Kansas.

3. Applicant timely applied to the Commission for renewal of said license, which application was denied in December, 2016, on the grounds that a principal of Dolphin was previously affiliated with Ramco Energy Corporation, which was found responsible for the plugging of the Axman #1 well in Barton County, Kansas, in docket no. 16-CONS-383-CHSO, *In the Matter of an Order to Show Cause issued to Ramco Energy Corporation.*

4. Dolphin has caused the Axman #1 well to be properly plugged in accord with Commission regulations and approval by Commission witnesses.

5. Dolphin ceased operating in Kansas and engaged an unaffiliated, licensed Kansas operator to operate Dolphin's wells in Kansas, in compliance with the revocation of its license.

6. K.A.R. 82-3-120(j) provides that a denial of license renewal based upon K.S.A. 55-155(c)(4) shall be deemed a revocation of that license.

7. K.A.R. 82-3-120(k) provides that upon revocation of a license, no new license will be issued until after expiration of one year; however, K.A.R. 82-1-202 provides that the Commission may waive such regulation if good cause is shown and if it is in the public interest to do so.

8. Dolphin has complied with all requirements of the Commission with regard to the Axman well and is in compliance with all other applicable Commission regulations and laws of Kansas. Dolphin desires to resume operating its wells in Kansas and should be permitted to do so. It is in the public interest that Dolphin be permitted to be licensed and to resume operations of its Kansas wells, in its own name. Commission staff has indicated to Dolphin's counsel that staff will not oppose issuance of a license to Dolphin.

WHEREFORE, Applicant prays that the Commission grant an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-120(k) to permit issuance of an operator's license to Applicant forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERIFICATION**

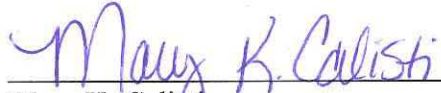
**STATE OF KANSAS        }**  
                                     **} ss**  
**COUNTY OF SEDGWICK }**

John G. Pike, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

That he is an attorney for Dolphin Energy LLC.; that he has read the within and foregoing Application; and the statements and contents thereof are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
John G. Pike

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Mary K. Calisti  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

May 28, 2018

