

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

Before Commissioners:                      Dwight D. Keen, Chair  
    Shari Feist Albrecht  
    Susan K. Duffy

In the matter of the application of BlueRidge            ) Docket No. 19-CONS-3394-CEXC  
Petroleum Corporation for an extension to the            )  
pit closure time requirement of K.A.R. 82-3-602        ) CONSERVATION DIVISION  
for the Olson #1-9 well located in the SE/4 of            )  
Section 9-T14S-R8E Morris County, Kansas.            ) License No. 31930

**ORDER ON APPLICATION**

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission). Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1. The Commission has the exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas.<sup>1</sup>
2. K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) limits pit permit extensions to two, three-month extensions.
3. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice.

**II. FINDINGS OF FACT**

4. BlueRidge Petroleum Corporation, (Operator) conducts oil and gas activities in Kansas under active license number 31930.
5. On May 24, 2019, the Operator filed an Application requesting an exception to the time limitations for pit closures set out in K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2); for the reserve pit

---

<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 74-623.

associated with Olson #1-9 well (“subject pit”). The Operator is requesting an additional 270-day extension to the deadline for closing a drilling pit as provided in K.A.R. 82-3-602.

6. The Operator has already received the two extensions allowed by K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) but is requesting an additional 270-day extension due to the high precipitation and moisture level at the location of the drilling pit.<sup>2</sup>

7. The Operator has verified that notice was properly served and published, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a.

8. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

9. Staff recommended that the Operator be granted a 45-day exception to the pit closure time limitations in K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2).

### **III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

10. The Commission finds and concludes that it has jurisdiction over the Operator in this matter.

11. The Commission finds and concludes the Application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and in accordance with Kansas statutes.

12. The Commission finds and concludes that notice was properly served and published.

13. Based on the above facts, the Commission finds and concludes that the Application should be granted.

#### **THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

A. The Operator is granted a 45-day exception to K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2).

B. The Operator has 45 days from the date this Order is approved to close the subject pit in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-602.

---

<sup>2</sup> Application, ¶¶7-9, (May 24, 2019).

B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>3</sup>

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Keen, Chair; Albrecht, Commissioner; Duffy, Commissioner

Dated: 07/25/2019 \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. Retz  
Executive Director

Mailed Date: 07/25/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

CRM

---

<sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 55-162; K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 55-707; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

19-CONS-3394-CEXC

I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on 07/25/2019.

JONATHAN ALLEN  
BLUERIDGE PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
PO BOX 30545  
EDMOND, OK 73003-0545  
jallen@blueridgepetroleum.com

KATHLEEN HAYNES  
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
266 N. Main St., Ste. 220  
WICHITA, KS 67202-1513  
Fax: 785-271-3354  
k.haynes@kcc.ks.gov

DONALD KLOCK  
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
DISTRICT OFFICE NO. 2  
3450 N. ROCK RD BLDG 600 STE 601  
WICHITA, KS 67226  
Fax: 785-271-3354  
j.klock@kcc.ks.gov

CARLY MASENTHIN, LITIGATION COUNSEL  
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
1500 SW ARROWHEAD RD  
TOPEKA, KS 66604  
Fax: 785-271-3354  
c.masenthin@kcc.ks.gov

JONELLE RAINS  
KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION  
266 N. Main St., Ste. 220  
WICHITA, KS 67202-1513  
Fax: 785-271-3354  
j.rains@kcc.ks.gov

/S/ DeeAnn Shupe  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DeeAnn Shupe