

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the matter of the application of Langston Oil) Docket No. 24-CONS-3077-CEXC
& Gas, LLC, for an exception to the 10-year)
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 regarding) CONSERVATION DIVISION
Applicant's Reif B #2 well located in the SW)
SW NW, and Applicant's Mary Ida Unit (Reif) License No. 30525
B) #0-19 well, located in the SW SE NW, both)
located within the W/2 of Sec. 31-18S-10W,)
Rice County, Kansas.)

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

The Commission rules as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. K.S.A. 74-623 provides the Commission exclusive jurisdiction and authority to regulate oil and gas activities in Kansas. K.A.R. 82-3-100 provides that the Commission may grant an exception to any regulation after application and notice, and after considering whether the exception will prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and prevent pollution.

2. K.A.R. 82-3-111 requires wells that are inactive for more than 90 days, or in some circumstances more than 364 days, to be plugged or approved for temporary abandonment (TA) status. Under K.A.R. 82-3-111(b), a well shall not be eligible TA status if it has been shut-in for ten or more years, unless the Commission has granted an application for a regulatory exception.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

3. Langston Oil & Gas LLC (Operator) is licensed to conduct oil and gas activities in Kansas and is responsible for the Reif B #2, API #15-159-06549, and Mary Ida Unit (Reif B) #0-19, API #15-159-30313 (Subject Wells).¹

¹ In its Application, Operator calls the latter well the the Reif #B 0-19, but the API number and location listed in the Application describe what is known in Commission databases as the Mary Ida Unit (Reif B) #0-19. Based upon the contents of the Application, there is no doubt Operator requests approval for the May Ida Unit (Reif B) #0-19.

4. On September 20, 2023, Operator filed an Application requesting an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Subject Wells.

5. On July 26, 2023, Operator successfully tested the Reif B #2 for mechanical integrity, and on August 7, 2023, Operator successfully tested the Mary Ida Unit (Reif B) #0-19 for mechanical integrity, indicating there is not a present threat to fresh and usable water.²

6. Operator served and published notice at least 15 days before the issuance of this Order, as required under K.A.R. 82-3-135a. No protest was filed under K.A.R. 82-3-135b.

7. The reasons articulated in Operator's Application and the results of the mechanical integrity tests are sufficient to support the administrative grant of Operator's Application.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The Commission has jurisdiction over Operator and Operator's Application. Operator's Application was filed in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and in accordance with Kansas statutes. Operator properly served and published notice.

9. Based on the above facts, Operator's Application should be granted. Operator has demonstrated a potential future use for the Subject Wells that is preventative of waste. There is no apparent present pollution threat, and correlative rights will not be affected.

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Operator's Application for an exception to the 10-year limit on TA status for the Subject Wells is granted for three years, calculated from the date the Application was filed.³

B. Operator must file an annual TA forms for the Subject Wells. The first TA forms shall be filed within 30 days.

C. Operator's Application is being granted via summary proceedings; thus, this Order does not take effect until after the time for requesting a hearing has expired.⁴ Any party may request a hearing on the above issues by submitting a written request setting forth the specific grounds upon which relief is sought, to the Commission at 266 N. Main, Suite 220,

² To reach this finding, the Commission takes administrative notice of its records. *See* K.A.R. 82-1-230(h).

³ To the extent Operator requests something different in Paragraphs 10-11 of its Application, the request is denied.

⁴ *See* K.S.A. 77-537.

Wichita, Kansas 67202, within 15 days from the date of service of this Order.⁵ If a hearing is not requested, then this Order shall become effective upon expiration of the time for requesting hearing.⁶ If this Order becomes effective, then 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).⁷

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Date: 12/19/2023



Lynn M. Retz
Executive Director

Date Mailed: 12/19/2023

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⁵ See K.S.A. 77-542.

⁶ See K.S.A. 77-537.

⁷ See K.S.A. 55-606; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 12/19/2023.

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