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## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:

Pat Apple, Chair

Shari Feist Albrecht

Jay Scott Emier

In the matter of Application of LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC for an Order	) Docket No. <del>17-CONSCEXC</del>
Granting an Exception to the Pit Closure time limitations of K.A.R.	) ) CONSERVATION DIVISION
82-3-602(a)(2) at its Hammeke 3 location in the NE/4 of Sec 12- 22S-12W	)
In Stafford County, Kansas.	) License 32432

## APPLICATION

COMES NOW, LaVeta Oil and Gas, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100(b) files with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") this Application requesting an order granting an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) for the Hammeke 3 well (Subject Well) located in Stafford County, Kansas. In support of its Application, LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC states as follows:

- 1. LaVeta Oil and Gas is duly authorized by the Kansas Corporation Commission and is in good standing with the Kansas Secretary of State's office to do business in Kansas with a mailing address of 305 N. Buffalo Ave, Stafford, Ks 67578.
- 2. The Commission has issued LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC's operator No. 32432 which is in full force and effect through 02/28/2018.
- 3. LaVeta Oil & Gas is the operator of the Hammeke #3 well located in Stafford County, Kansas: The Northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section 12, Township 22S, Range 12 West
- 4. K.A.R.82-3-100(b) states the commission may grant an exception to the requirements of any of its regulations. K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) limits pit extensions to two three month extensions.
- 5. LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC requests that the Commission grant an extension, pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100(b), from the two three month extension limitation set forth in K.A.R> 82-3-602(a)(2) and allow an additional time to close drilling pits associated with the Hammeke #3 well.
- 6. LaVeta Oil and Gas, LLC submits that due to unseasonably heavy precipitation, additional time is needed to allow the mud to become completely dehydrated. Due to the ground conditions, the pits have not been back filled while they are still wet in order to prevent permanent damage to the farm ground. The extension will not cause environmental harm as the pit is in accordance with KCC regulations.

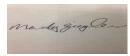
7. The names and addresses of the unleased mineral owners of record and operators or lessees of record within one half (1/2) mile of the Subject well entitled to receive notice of this Application pursuant to K.A.R. 82-2-135 a(b) are as follows:

Empire Energy E and P	915 S Patton Rd, Great Bend Ks 67530,
Vess Oil	1700 Waterfront #500 Wichita, Ks 67206
Anstinne-Musgrove Inc.	PO Box 391 Ponca City, Ok 74602

- Notice of this application will be provided to all personas entitled thereto under K.A.R. 82-3-135a(b) and will be published in the Wichita Eagle and Stafford Courier pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-135a(b) and will therefore be lawful and proper in all respects. Each publisher's Affidavit of Publication will be provided to the Commission upon receipt.
- 9. No offset operators within ½ mile.

Wherefore LaVeta Oil & Gas, LLC prays that this Application be docketed by the Commission and that if no written protest is received with fifteen (15) days after Notice of the Application is published and had been duly provided to all interested parties, that the Commission issue an order administratively granting LaVeta Oil & Gas, LLC's request for an extension to the two three month extension time limitations set forth in K.A.R. 82-3-602(a)(2) and allow additional time for the drilling pits to dry up and be properly closed soon after. In the event a timely and proper protest is filed with the Commission, LaVeta Oil and Gas requests that the Commission set the Application for hearing and, upon such hearing, grant the requested order for exception and afford such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary and proper.

## **Respectively Submitted**



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