

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

In the matter of the Application of Taos Resources Operating Company LLC for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its Jones A 3 well located in the NE/4 Sec.15, Township 18 South, Range 18 W Rush County Kansas.

25-CONS-3107-CEXC
Docket No.: (Assigned by Staff)
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No.: 35820

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Thresher Energy Inc. (Applicant) in support of its Application in the captioned matter and states as follows:

1. Applicant is a Limited Liability Company authorized to do business in the State of Kansas.

Applicant's address is 2 Northpoint Dr, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77060.

2. Applicant has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License 33372, which expires on February 28,2025

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Jones A3 well, 15-165-21994-00-00 (the subject well), which is located in the NE/4 of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 18 West, Rush County, Kansas. The Subject Well is located on an active oil and gas lease or unit comprising the following lands:

S/2 NE/4, Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 18 West, Rush County, Kansas,
containing 80 acres, more or less (leased premises).]

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, the well was shut in, or Applicant obtained temporary abandonment status, for the Subject Well on February 1, 2010. The Subject Well has maintained such status to the present date.

5. On or about September 23, 2022, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Applicant temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well would be denied from and after September 23, 2024, because the Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years.

6. K.A.R. 82-3-111 imposes a 10-year limitation on the amount of time during which wells may be temporarily abandoned, but an exception to the 10-year limitation may be obtained pursuant to said regulation through an Application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Applicant seeks such an exception.

7. On or about September 11th 2024 the Subject Well passed a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within fifty (50) feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well.

8. Applicant wishes to continue TA status for the Subject Well, because Applicant intends to use the well for the following purpose: The well will remain shut-in for the immediate future. The well is currently under evaluation to be recompleted as a producer or converted to a disposal well.

9. Applicant submits the following information regarding the well in support of the Application. [Refer to the instructions, located at the end of this document.]

10. Applicant 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.

11. Based on the foregoing, Applicant requests the Commission grant an exception to the 10-year limitation, specifically to allow the Subject Well to remain eligible for temporary abandonment status for three (3) years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation. Applicant understands that the exception would be valid for three (3) years, but Applicant would

still need to apply annually to the Conservation Division District Office for approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.

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

13. 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, Applicant prays that this matter be granted administratively without a hearing, or in the alternative be set for hearing, and upon hearing that the Commission grant Applicant's request, for an exception to the K.A.R. 82-3-111 ten (10) year limitation, to allow the Subject Well to remain temporarily abandoned for three (3) years, subject to annual approval by the Conservation Division District Office of an application for temporary abandonment status.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thresher Energy
Inc.
2 Northpoint Dr.
Ste 800
Houston TX 77060
PH# 713-993-0774

By 

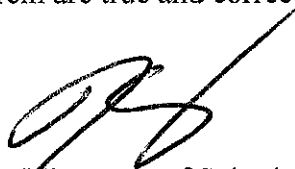
Keith Fite

VERIFICATION

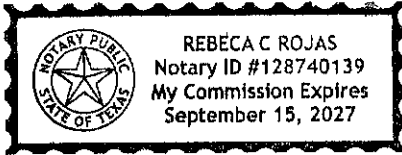
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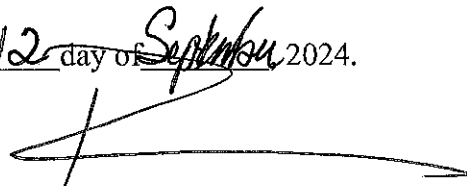
Keith Fite, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon his oath deposes and states:

That he has the authority on behalf of Taos Resources Operating Company LLC to file this application, that he has read the above and foregoing application and is familiar with the contents thereof; and, that the statements made therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.


[Signature of Submitter]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 12 day of September 2024.




Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: September 15, 2027

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify on this 12th day of September, 2024 true and correct copies of the above and foregoing Application and the Notice of Application were served by depositing copies of the same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the landowner/s set forth in paragraph 12 of said Application, each party set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application filed by Applicant, and the original to the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Keith Fite

INSTRUCTIONS

It is important to note the below instructions do not represent any rule. This information **merely represents Staff's suggestions** regarding the information that is necessary to evaluate an Application. All Applications must be granted or denied by the Commission.

General Instructions:

1. Fields to be completed by the Applicant are in brackets.
2. This form is a sample. Applications are not required to follow this format exactly; instead, this sample is being provided to provide assistance to Applicants.
3. All Applications are subject to review and approval by the Commission. The submission of an Application, without subsequent approval by the Commission, may not bring the Applicant into compliance with Kansas statutes or KCC regulations.
4. Insert the proper information into the caption at the top of the first page. A docket number should not be entered; the docket number will be assigned by KCC Staff when the application is filed.
5. Applicants may request a hearing at any time.

Instructions for Specific Paragraphs (the numbers in the below instructions correspond to the paragraph numbers in the sample Application):

1. Enter Applicant's entity type (e.g., individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation), indicating the state of incorporation if applicable. Enter the Applicant's mailing address.
2. Enter Applicant's KCC operator license number and the date that the current license would expire without renewal.
3. Enter well name, API number, and location. Enter the legal description of the leased premises, indicating whether the lease or agreement is currently active.
4. Describe when the well originally obtained Temporary Abandonment ("TA") status or was shut in.
5. Describe when the Applicant was notified that the well was not eligible for TA status due to the 10-year rule.
6. No change from the sample Application is necessary.
7. State the date the well passed a mechanical integrity test. All wells seeking an exception from the 10-year rule must pass a Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test within one (1) year prior to the filing of the Application.
8. Describe the intended use for the well.
9. Please explain why the intended use for the well requires an extension of its TA status. At a minimum, include the following:
 - a. A breakdown of how many and what types of wells are on the lease;
 - b. An estimated cost to plug this well and the remaining wells on the lease;
 - c. A current production rate for the lease;
 - d. A basic estimation of remaining reserves and an explanation of the basis for estimation;
 - e. An explanation what has already been done and what will need to be done to use the well as stated in paragraph 8; and,

- f. An estimation of the cost to perform whatever actions are necessary using current prices.
10. Attach a legible plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, temporarily abandoned, abandoned, and plugged wells on the lease drawn to a suggested scale of two (2) inches equals one (1) mile, and clearly indicating section, township, and range.
11. List the time period being requested. KCC Staff will not recommend the Commission grant an exception longer than three (3) years.
12. Refer to K.A.R. 82-3-135a for details. KCC regulations can be found at <http://kcc.ks.gov>.
13. Refer to K.A.R. 82-3-135a and 82-3-135 for details. KCC regulations can be found at <http://kcc.ks.gov>. Do not publish notice until after you have received verification that the application has been accepted and has a docket number. Please note this requires publication in both the official county newspaper, for the county where lands affected by the Application are located, and *The Wichita Eagle*. Verification of publication in both newspapers must be provided to KCC Staff before the hearing or prior to the granting of the application without a hearing.

Please feel free to contact KCC Legal Staff at (316) 337-6200 with any questions or concerns regarding this Application. Although KCC Legal Staff can provide some guidance with this Application, you will need to contact a private attorney if you wish to be represented in this matter.

EXHIBIT A

A. Each operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands within one-half (1/2) mile radius of the subject well are identified below:

S/2, Sec 10 – 18S – 18W
Globe Operating, Inc.
PO BOX 12
GREAT BEND, KS 67530

NW/4, Sec 15 – 18S – 18W
Zinszer Oil Co., Inc.
1006 W 38TH St
Hays, KS, 67601-1516

S/2 W/2, Sec 15 – 18S – 18W
Thresher Energy Inc
2 Northpoint Dr Suite 800
Houston, Texas 77060

SW/4, Sec 11 – 18S -18W
Open.

B. Each person who owns any mineral interests of record in and under any lands located within one-half (1/2) mile radius of subject well (provided that such material interests is not covered by any oil and gas lease) are identified below:

SECTION 15, T18S, R18W

ACRES 76.8, S2 SE4 LESS RD ROW

JONES & JONES DEC OF TR & DYKES FAMILY TRUST
PO BOX 781083
WICHITA, KS 67278

ACRES 260.5, S2 NE4,N2 SE4,SW4 LESS 4 TRCTS.

VALLEY VIEW FARMS INC
PO BOX 96
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

ACRES 78.4, N2 NE4 LESS RD ROW.

POPP, LINDA L ETAL
Attn: PEOPLES BANK & TRST
PO BOX 1169
MCPHERSON, KS 67460

ACRES 153.2, NW4 LESS RD ROW.

REINHARDT, KENT REV TRST
418 W DIEL
OTIS, KS 67565

C. The name and address of the landowner on whose land the well affected by this

Application is located is identified below:

SECTION 15, T18S, R18W

ACRES 260.5, S2 NE4,N2 SE4,SW4 LESS 4 TRCTS.

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