THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chairman

Jay Scott Emler Dwight D. Keen

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In the matter of the application of Berexco)	Docket No. 18-CONSCEXC
LLC for an exception to the 10-year)	
time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for its)	
Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 well located in)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
the NW SW NW of Sec 11, T18S, R9W)	
Rice County, Kansas.)	
•		License No.: 34318

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Berexco LLC ("Operator") for its application in the captioned matter states as follows:

- 1. Operator is a limited liability company authorized to do business in the State of Kansas. Operator's address is 2020 North Bramblewood, Wichita, Kansas 67206.
- 2. Operator has been issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission Operator's License #34318, which expires on October 30, 2018.
- 3. Operator is the owner and operator of the Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 well, API #15-159-01972-0001 which is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 9 West, Rice County, Kansas. The subject well is located on an active oil and gas lease comprising the following lands: The North

Half and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10 and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, all in Township 18 South, Range 9 West, Rice County, Kansas.

- 4. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-111, Operator obtained temporary abandonment status for the Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 on June 1, 1994. The subject well maintained such status from June 1994 to October of 2016. In October of 2016 the well was opened back up for injection, but the well immediately pressured up and took no measurable fluid. The injectivity into the subject well required higher injection pressure than the other wells on the lease. Restoring injectivity would require pulling and cleaning out the well. It is for this reason, injection has ceased, and the operator wishes to reinstate temporary abandonment status.
- 5. On or about April 12, 2018, the Kansas Corporation Commission notified Operator that temporary abandonment status for the subject well would be denied because the subject well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years and the 10-year limitation exception was expiring on or about May 10, 2018.
- 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 regulations through an application filed with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-100. Operator seeks such an exception.
- 7. The subject well demonstrated mechanical integrity as evidenced by passage of Commission Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test on or about October 19, 2017.
- 8. Operator is keeping the subject well for potential use as a water injection well. The subject well should not be plugged to prevent economic waste associated with re-drilling for future needs as an injection well. Estimated cost to plug this well is \$20,000. The cost to restore

the well to injection capability is estimated to be \$30,000. Production from the Staatz-Schroeder Lease is around 8 BOPD with potential reserves estimated at 35,000 barrels of oil.

- 9. Operator has included a plat map showing the locations of all producing, injection, saltwater disposal, temporarily abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises as the subject well. There are three active producing wells, one active disposal well, one active injection well and the subject well on the lease.
- 10. Based on the foregoing, Operator 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 the three (3) years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation. Operator understands that the exception would be valid for three (3) years, but Operator would still need to apply annually to the Conservation Division District Office for approval of an application for temporary abandonment status.
- 11. 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).
- 12. Notice of this application has been 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,

Jonathan D. Hayward 2020 N. Bramblewood Wichita, KS 67206 316-265-3311 Fax #316-681-4766

By: _

Signature of Submitter

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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EXHIBIT A

Staatz-Schroeder Unit #2-4 notice area

Operator – NE/4 and N/2 SE/4 Sec. 10, NW/4 Sec. 11-18S-9W

Berexco LLC 2020 N. Bramblewood Wichita, KS 67202

Surface owner - NW/4 Sec. 11-18S-9W (Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 wellsite)

Richard T. & Penny L. Wires 435 State Road 14 Lyons, KS 67554

Unleased mineral owner - SW/4 Sec. 2-18S-9W

Colberg Farms, Inc. c/o Don Colberg 865 12th Road Lyons, KS 67554

<u>Unleased mineral owner – SE/4 Sec. 3-18S-9W</u>

D & A Carter Family Farms, LLC 6614 Jadecrest Drive Sprint, TX 77389

Unleased mineral owner - S/2 SE/4 Sec. 10-18S-9W

Dale Carlton Kinzler, Trustee 10914 Yosemite Valley Drive Little Rock, AR 72212

Unleased mineral owner - W/2 NE/4 Sec. 11-18S-9W

L&B Trust 330 E. Wild Plum Road Derby, KS 67037

Unleased mineral owner - SW/4 Sec. 11-18S-9W

Edna Collingwood Trust P. O. Box 974 Garden City, KS 67846

<u>Unleased mineral owner - SE/4 Sec. 11-18S-9W</u>

Bar-K-Bar c/o Kenny Knight 1925 Avenue M Lyons, KS 67554

BEREXCO LLC

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: BEREXCO LLC. - - Application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 well, located in Rice County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Berexco LLC has filed an application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the Staatz-Schroeder #2-4 well located in the NW SW NW of Section 11-18S-9W, Rice County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

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