

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

In the Matter of the Application of Merit)	Docket No. 25-CONS-3437-CWLE
Energy Company, LLC for a well location)	
exception for its Napeste #3-30 well, to be)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
located in the NW/4 of Section 30, Township)	
24 South, Range 32 West, Finney County,)	License No. 32446
Kansas.)	

**APPLICATION
FOR WELL LOCATION EXCEPTION AND ALLOWABLE**

Merit Energy Company, LLC (“Merit”) submits this Application for Well Location Exception and Allowable (“Application”) with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) requesting an order authorizing the drilling of its Napeste #3-30 well (“Subject Well”) at the location specified below, and for the assignment of a full allowable to the Subject Well. In support of its Application, Applicant states and alleges as follows:

1. Merit is a Delaware limited liability company authorized and in good standing with the Kansas Secretary of State’s office to do business in Kansas. Merit’s business address is 13727 Noel Road, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas, 75240.

2. The Commission has issued Merit oil and gas operator’s License No. 32446, which license is in full force and effect through May 30, 2026.

3. Merit’s affiliate, Merit Hugoton, L.P., is the owner of an oil and gas lease (“Subject Lease”) covering all that land lying West of US Highway 83 in Section 30-T24S-R32W, Finney County, Kansas, which land is depicted on Exhibit A-2 attached hereto. Merit operates said leases on behalf of its affiliate, and is authorized to file this Application on its behalf.

4. Applicant desires to drill and complete the Subject Well on the Subject Lease at a location that is 174’ from the West line and 2,139’ from the North line of Section 30-T24S-R32W, Finney County, Kansas, which location is 174’ from the western boundary of the Subject Lease.

The Subject Well would be drilled to a true vertical depth of approximately 6,000' measured from surface to test the Morrow and upper Mississippi formations ("Target Formations") for oil and gas reserves.

5. K.A.R. 82-3-108(a) prescribes a 330' setback from any lease or unit boundary for any well drilled in Finney County, Kansas. K.A.R. 82-3-108(c) provides that a well location exception may be granted to permit drilling a well within the prescribed setback if necessary to prevent waste or to protect correlative rights.

6. Applicant requests a well location exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-108(c) because Applicant desires to drill the Subject Well at a location that is 174' from the western boundary line of the Subject Lease.

7. Drilling the Subject Well at the proposed location is necessary to prevent waste and will not violate correlative rights. Merit seeks to further develop the Target Formations based on the success of its other Napeste Wells drilled and completed to the East by drilling the Subject Well at the proposed location. Merit has recently completed a seismic survey across the Subject Lease and has determined that the drilling of the Subject Well at the proposed location is the optimal location to further exploit hydrocarbon reserves from the Target Formations. Notably, the geographic boundaries of the lands covered by the Subject Lease, as shown on Exhibit A-2, require that Merit encroach either the eastern or western boundary of the Subject Lease in order to test what it believes to be an east-west running reservoir channel within the Target Formations beneath the Subject lease. Moving the location of the Subject Well to the north to comport to statewide minimum setbacks, is not feasible and likely to result in a dry hole, which would cause waste. The mineral owner of the unleased land to be encroached to the west is the same as the mineral owner- lessor under the Subject Lease. Said mineral owner has provided its written consent to the drilling

of the Subject Well at the proposed location. Accordingly, correlative rights will not be violated by the drilling of the Subject Well at the proposed location because any offset drainage will be compensated through the payment of lease royalty under the Subject Lease.

8. Exhibit A-1 is a plat showing the proposed location of the Subject Well. Exhibit A-2 is a plat depicting the boundaries of the land covered by the Subject Lease, including the US Highway 83, which is the eastern boundary of the Subject Lease. As shown thereon, the proposed location of the Subject Well will be 355' from the eastern boundary of the Subject Lease, and will not encroach on the oil and gas leasehold or mineral estate to the east. A proposed Notice of Intent to Drill (Form C-1) is attached as Exhibit B. Exhibit C includes a plat depicting the proposed location of the Subject Well, and all completed, partially drilled and permitted wells on the Subject Lease and other adjacent property.

9. The following party is the unleased mineral owner of the land to west of the Subject Lease. There are no offset operators or lessees of oil and gas leases covering the lands to be encroached to the west of the Subject Lease.

State of Kansas, Department of Wildlife and Parks
Attn: Ryan Stucky, Director
512 SE 25th Ave.
Pratt, KS 67124

10. Applicant requests a full allowable be assigned to the Subject Well in accordance with the provisions of K.A.R. 82-3-203 (oil allowable in non-prorated pool) and K.A.R. 82-3-312 (gas allowable in non-prorated pool), and further requests the assignment of a full attribution unit.

11. Pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-108(f), notice of this Application will be provided to all those persons identified in paragraph 9, and will be published in the *Wichita Eagle* and the *Garden City Telegram*, the official newspaper of Finney County, Kansas, in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-135a(d). Notice will therefore be lawful and proper in all respects. Each publisher's affidavit

will be provided to the Commission upon receipt. A copy of the Notice of Application will be filed in this docket.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Commission accept and docket this Application and that, if no interested party files a timely and proper protest, enter an order administratively granting this Application and authorizing the drilling of the Subject Well at the location proposed and assigning it a full oil and gas allowable without incurring the time and expense of an evidentiary hearing. In the event a valid protest is timely filed, Applicant requests that the Commission set this Application for hearing and, upon such hearing, grant the order requested, and to afford such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

THE MORRIS LAING LAW FIRM

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Attorneys for Merit Energy Company, LLC

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

Jonathan A. Schlatter, being of lawful age and first duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

That he is the attorney for Merit Energy Company, LLC; 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.

Jackson C Ely for:
Jonathan A. Schlatter

SIGNED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of June, 2025. Signature affixed by Jackson C. Ely at the direction of Jonathan A. Schlatter.


Notary Public

My Appointment expires: 11/05/2028



EXHIBIT A-1
Plat

LEGEND:

- = PROPOSED WELLHEAD.
- * = EXISTING WELLHEAD.
- ▲ = SECTION CORNERS LOCATED. (NAD 83)

T24S, R32W, 6th P.M.

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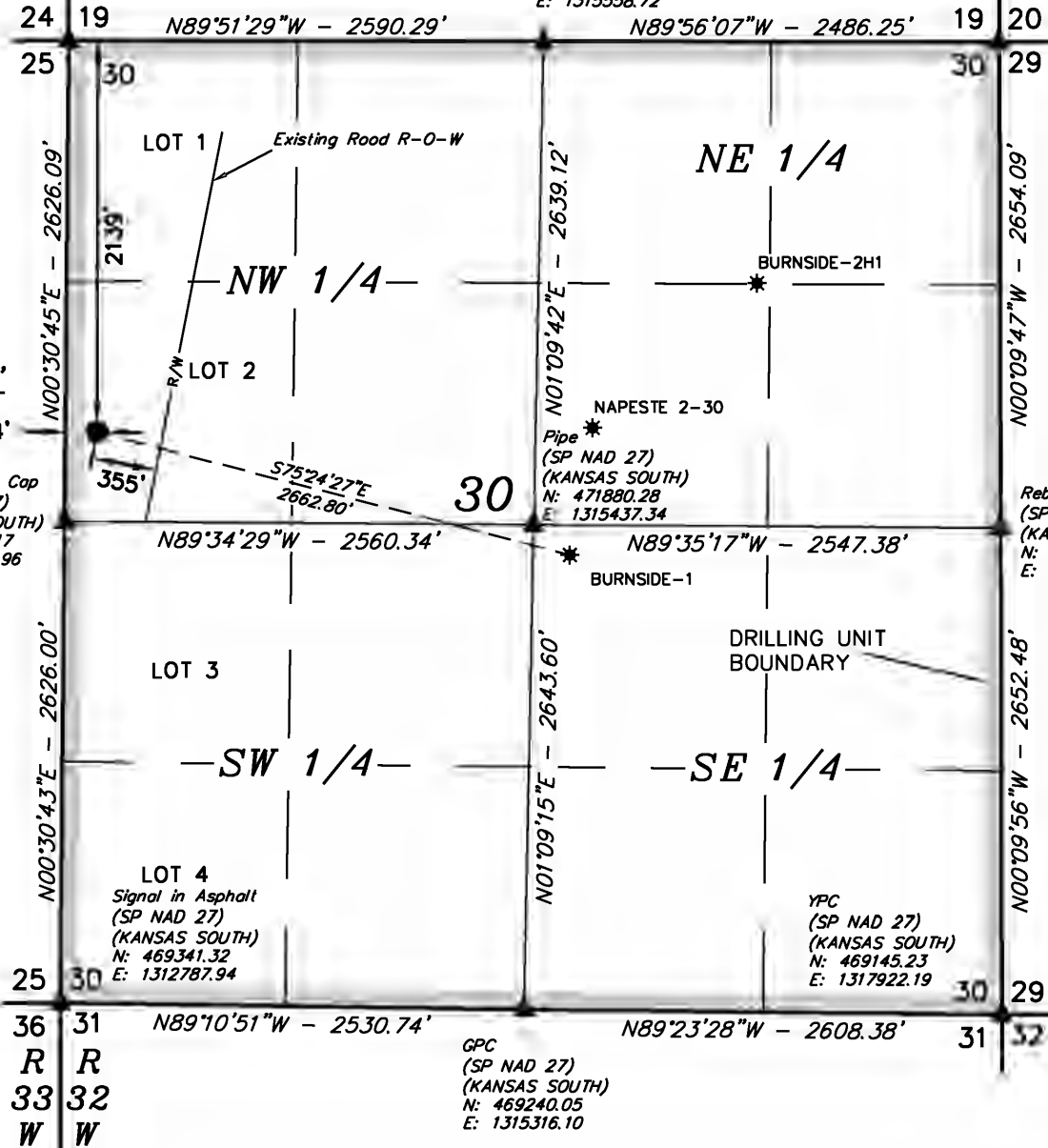
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REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
REGISTRATION NO. 152451
STATE OF KANSAS

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BASIS OF BEARINGS IS A G.P.S. OBSERVATION

BASIS OF ELEVATION

ELEVATION 2830.57' WAS DERIVED FROM AN OPUS SOLUTION AT LAT: 37°56'48.15" LONG: -100°50'43.19" AND HAS A DATUM OF NAVD88.



UELS, LLC
Corporate Office * 85 South 200 East
Vernal, UT 84078 * (435) 789-1017



MERIT ENERGY COMPANY

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SW 1/4 NW 1/4, SECTION 30, T24S, R32W, 6th P.M.
FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS

SURVEYED BY	B.L.	06-13-25	SCALE
DRAWN BY	Q.S.J.	06-16-25	1" = 1000'
WELL LOCATION PLAT			

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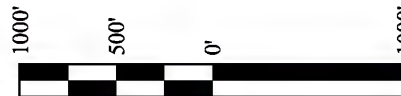
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GPC
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EXHIBIT B
Notice of Intent to Drill

For KCC Use:

Effective Date: _____

District # _____

SGA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
OIL & GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DRILL

Must be approved by KCC five (5) days prior to commencing well

Form KSONA-1, Certification of Compliance with the Kansas Surface Owner Notification Act, MUST be submitted with this form.

Form C-1

March 2010

Form must be Typed

Form must be Signed

All blanks must be Filled

Expected Spud Date: _____
month day year

OPERATOR: License# _____

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

CONTRACTOR: License# _____

Name: _____

Well Drilled For: Well Class: Type Equipment:

☐ Oil ☐ Enh Rec ☐ Infield ☐ Mud Rotary

☐ Gas ☐ Storage ☐ Pool Ext. ☐ Air Rotary

☐ Disposal ☐ Wildcat ☐ Cable

☐ Seismic ; _____ # of Holes ☐ Other

☐ Other: _____

☐ If OWWO: old well information as follows:

Operator: _____

Well Name: _____

Original Completion Date: _____ Original Total Depth: _____

Directional, Deviated or Horizontal wellbore? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, true vertical depth: _____

Bottom Hole Location: _____

KCC DKT #: _____

Spot Description: _____

_____ Sec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ ☐ E ☐ W
(Q/Q/Q/Q) _____ feet from ☐ N / ☐ S Line of Section

_____ feet from ☐ E / ☐ W Line of Section

Is SECTION: ☐ Regular ☐ Irregular?

(Note: Locate well on the Section Plat on reverse side)

County: _____

Lease Name: _____ Well #: _____

Field Name: _____

Is this a Prorated / Spaced Field? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Target Formation(s): _____

Nearest Lease or unit boundary line (in footage): _____

Ground Surface Elevation: _____ feet MSL

Water well within one-quarter mile: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Public water supply well within one mile: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Depth to bottom of fresh water: _____

Depth to bottom of usable water: _____

Surface Pipe by Alternate: ☐ I ☐ II

Length of Surface Pipe Planned to be set: _____

Length of Conductor Pipe (if any): _____

Projected Total Depth: _____

Formation at Total Depth: _____

Water Source for Drilling Operations:

☐ Well ☐ Farm Pond ☐ Other: _____

DWR Permit #: _____

(Note: Apply for Permit with DWR ☐)

Will Cores be taken? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, proposed zone: _____

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned hereby affirms that the drilling, completion and eventual plugging of this well will comply with K.S.A. 55 et. seq.

It is agreed that the following minimum requirements will be met:

1. Notify the appropriate district office **prior** to spudding of well;
2. A copy of the approved notice of intent to drill **shall be** posted on each drilling rig;
3. The minimum amount of surface pipe as specified below **shall be set** by circulating cement to the top; in all cases surface pipe **shall be set** through all unconsolidated materials plus a minimum of 20 feet into the underlying formation.
4. If the well is dry hole, an agreement between the operator and the district office on plug length and placement is necessary **prior to plugging**;
5. The appropriate district office will be notified before well is either plugged or production casing is cemented in;
6. If an ALTERNATE II COMPLETION, production pipe shall be cemented from below any usable water to surface within **120 DAYS** of spud date. Or pursuant to Appendix "B" - Eastern Kansas surface casing order #133,891-C, which applies to the KCC District 3 area, alternate II cementing must be completed within 30 days of the spud date or the well shall be plugged. **In all cases, NOTIFY district office** prior to any cementing.

I hereby certify that the statements made herein are true and to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Signature of Operator or Agent: _____ Title: _____

For KCC Use ONLY

API # 15 - _____

Conductor pipe required _____ feet

Minimum surface pipe required _____ feet per ALT. ☐ I ☐ II

Approved by: _____

This authorization expires:

(This authorization void if drilling not started within 12 months of approval date.)

Spud date: _____ Agent: _____

Remember to:

- File Certification of Compliance with the Kansas Surface Owner Notification Act (KSONA-1) with Intent to Drill;
- File Drill Pit Application (form CDP-1) with Intent to Drill;
- File Completion Form ACO-1 within 120 days of spud date;
- File acreage attribution plat according to field proration orders;
- Notify appropriate district office 48 hours prior to workover or re-entry;
- Submit plugging report (CP-4) after plugging is completed (within 60 days);
- Obtain written approval before disposing or injecting salt water.
- If well will not be drilled or permit has expired (See: authorized expiration date) please check the box below and return to the address below.

☐ **Well will not be drilled or Permit Expired** Date: _____

Signature of Operator or Agent: _____

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For KCC Use ONLY

API # 15 _____

IN ALL CASES PLOT THE INTENDED WELL ON THE PLAT BELOW

In all cases, please fully complete this side of the form. Include items 1 through 5 at the bottom of this page.

Operator: _____

Lease: _____

Well Number: _____

Field: _____

Number of Acres attributable to well: _____

QTR/QTR/QTR/QTR of acreage: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Location of Well: County: _____

_____ feet from ☐ N / ☐ S Line of Section_____ feet from ☐ E / ☐ W Line of SectionSec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ ☐ E ☐ WIs Section: ☐ Regular or ☐ Irregular**If Section is Irregular, locate well from nearest corner boundary.**Section corner used: ☐ NE ☐ NW ☐ SE ☐ SW**PLAT**

Show location of the well. Show footage to the nearest lease or unit boundary line. Show the predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines and electrical lines, as required by the Kansas Surface Owner Notice Act (House Bill 2032). You may attach a separate plat if desired.

2139 ft.

174 ft.

30

LEGEND

Well Location



Tank Battery Location



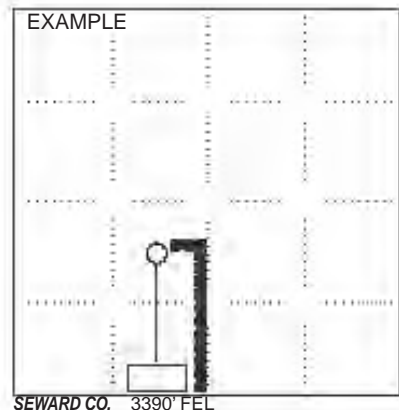
Pipeline Location



Electric Line Location



Lease Road Location

EXAMPLE

1980' FSL

NOTE: In all cases locate the spot of the proposed drilling location.**In plotting the proposed location of the well, you must show:**

1. The manner in which you are using the depicted plat by identifying section lines, i.e. 1 section, 1 section with 8 surrounding sections, 4 sections, etc.
2. The distance of the proposed drilling location from the south / north and east / west outside section lines.
3. The distance to the nearest lease or unit boundary line (in footage).
4. If proposed location is located within a prorated or spaced field a certificate of acreage attribution plat must be attached: (C0-7 for oil wells; CG-8 for gas wells).
5. The predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines, and electrical lines.

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KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
OIL & GAS CONSERVATION DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR SURFACE PIT

Form CDP-1
May 2010
Form must be Typed

Submit in Duplicate

Operator Name: _____		License Number: _____	
Operator Address: _____			
Contact Person: _____		Phone Number: _____	
Lease Name & Well No.: _____		Pit Location (QQQQ): _____-_____-_____-_____ Sec. _____ Twp. _____ R. _____ <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> West _____ Feet from <input type="checkbox"/> North / <input type="checkbox"/> South Line of Section _____ Feet from <input type="checkbox"/> East / <input type="checkbox"/> West Line of Section _____ County	
Type of Pit: <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Burn Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Settling Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Workover Pit <input type="checkbox"/> Haul-Off Pit <i>(If WP Supply API No. or Year Drilled)</i>	Pit is: <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Existing If Existing, date constructed: _____ Pit capacity: _____ (bbls)		
Is the pit located in a Sensitive Ground Water Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Chloride concentration: _____ mg/l <i>(For Emergency Pits and Settling Pits only)</i>	
Is the bottom below ground level? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Artificial Liner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	How is the pit lined if a plastic liner is not used? _____	
Pit dimensions (all but working pits): _____ Length (feet) _____ Width (feet) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A: Steel Pits Depth from ground level to deepest point: _____ (feet) <input type="checkbox"/> No Pit			
If the pit is lined give a brief description of the liner material, thickness and installation procedure.		Describe procedures for periodic maintenance and determining liner integrity, including any special monitoring.	
Distance to nearest water well within one-mile of pit: _____ feet Depth of water well _____ feet		Depth to shallowest fresh water _____ feet. Source of information: <input type="checkbox"/> measured <input type="checkbox"/> well owner <input type="checkbox"/> electric log <input type="checkbox"/> KDWR	
Emergency, Settling and Burn Pits ONLY: Producing Formation: _____ Number of producing wells on lease: _____ Barrels of fluid produced daily: _____ Does the slope from the tank battery allow all spilled fluids to flow into the pit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Drilling, Workover and Haul-Off Pits ONLY: Type of material utilized in drilling/workover: _____ Number of working pits to be utilized: _____ Abandonment procedure: _____ Drill pits must be closed within 365 days of spud date.	
I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
_____ <i>Date</i>		_____ <i>Signature of Applicant or Agent</i>	

KCC OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ Liner ☐ Steel Pit ☐ RFAC ☐ RFAS

Date Received: _____ Permit Number: _____ Permit Date: _____ Lease Inspection: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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KANSAS CORPORATION COMMISSION
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Form KSONA-1

July 2021

Form Must Be Typed

Form must be Signed

All blanks must be Filled

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE
KANSAS SURFACE OWNER NOTIFICATION ACT**

This form must be submitted with all Forms C-1 (Notice of Intent to Drill); CB-1 (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent); T-1 (Request for Change of Operator Transfer of Injection or Surface Pit Permit); and CP-1 (Well Plugging Application). Any such form submitted without an accompanying Form KSONA-1 will be returned.

Select the corresponding form being filed: ☐ **C-1** (Intent) ☐ **CB-1** (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent) ☐ **T-1** (Transfer) ☐ **CP-1** (Plugging Application)

OPERATOR: License # _____

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Fax: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Well Location:

_____ - _____ - _____ Sec. _____ Twp. _____ S. R. _____ ☐ East ☐ West

County: _____

Lease Name: _____ Well #: _____

If filing a Form T-1 for multiple wells on a lease, enter the legal description of the lease below:

Surface Owner Information:

Name: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ + _____

When filing a Form T-1 involving multiple surface owners, attach an additional sheet listing all of the information to the left for each surface owner. Surface owner information can be found in the records of the register of deeds for the county, and in the real estate property tax records of the county treasurer.

If this form is being submitted with a Form C-1 (Intent) or CB-1 (Cathodic Protection Borehole Intent), you must supply the surface owners and the KCC with a plat showing the predicted locations of lease roads, tank batteries, pipelines, and electrical lines. The locations shown on the plat are preliminary non-binding estimates. The locations may be entered on the Form C-1 plat, Form CB-1 plat, or a separate plat may be submitted.

Select one of the following:

☐ I certify that, pursuant to the Kansas Surface Owner Notice Act (see Chapter 55 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated), I have provided the following to the surface owner(s) of the land upon which the subject well is or will be located: 1) a copy of the Form C-1, Form CB-1, Form T-1, or Form CP-1 that I am filing in connection with this form; 2) if the form being filed is a Form C-1 or Form CB-1, the plat(s) required by this form; and 3) my operator name, address, phone number, fax, and email address.

☐ I have not provided this information to the surface owner(s). I acknowledge that, because I have not provided this information, the KCC will be required to send this information to the surface owner(s). To mitigate the additional cost of the KCC performing this task, I acknowledge that I must provide the name and address of the surface owner by filling out the top section of this form and that I am being charged a \$30.00 handling fee, payable to the KCC, which is enclosed with this form.

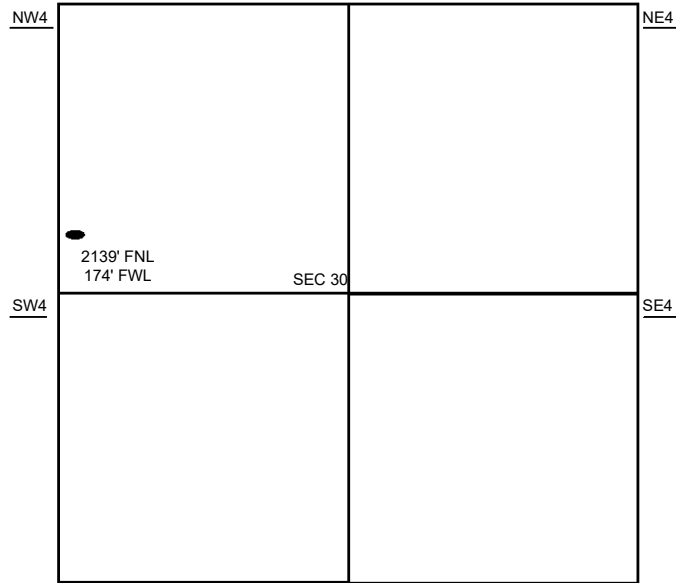
If choosing the second option, submit payment of the \$30.00 handling fee with this form. If the fee is not received with this form, the KSONA-1 form and the associated Form C-1, Form CB-1, Form T-1, or Form CP-1 will be returned.

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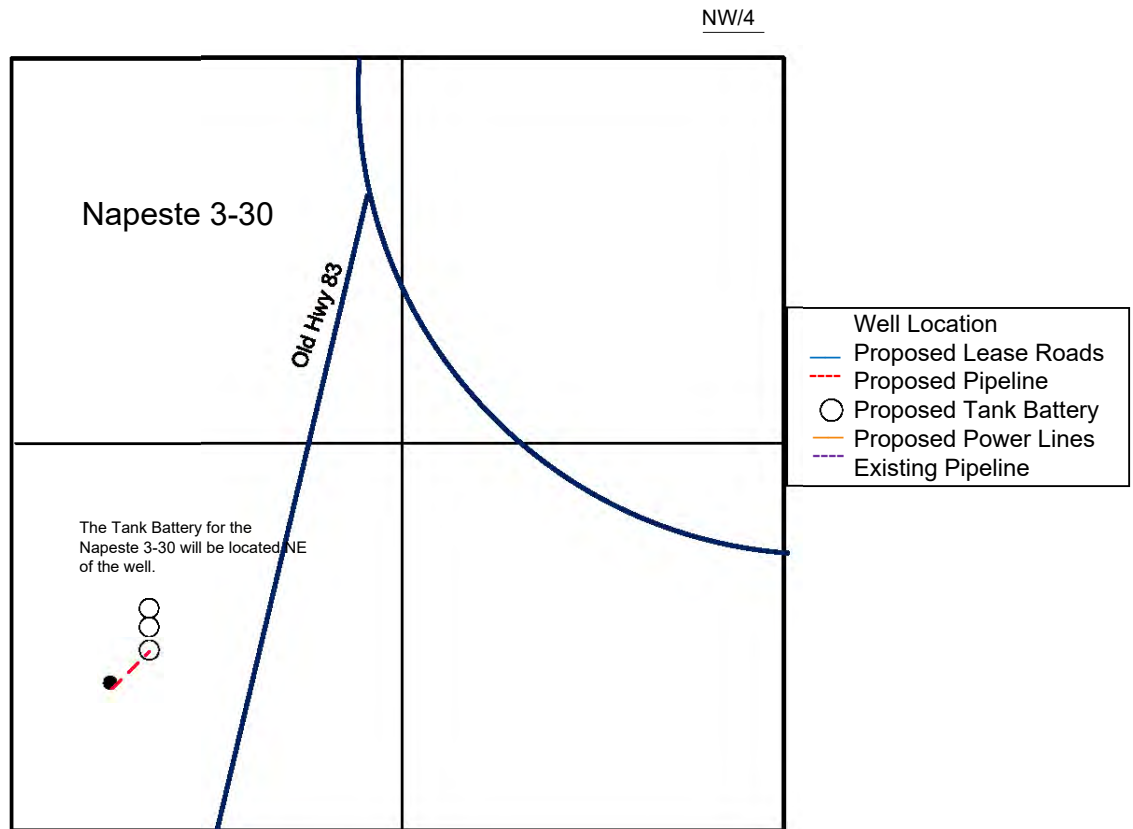
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Proposed Plan of Construction

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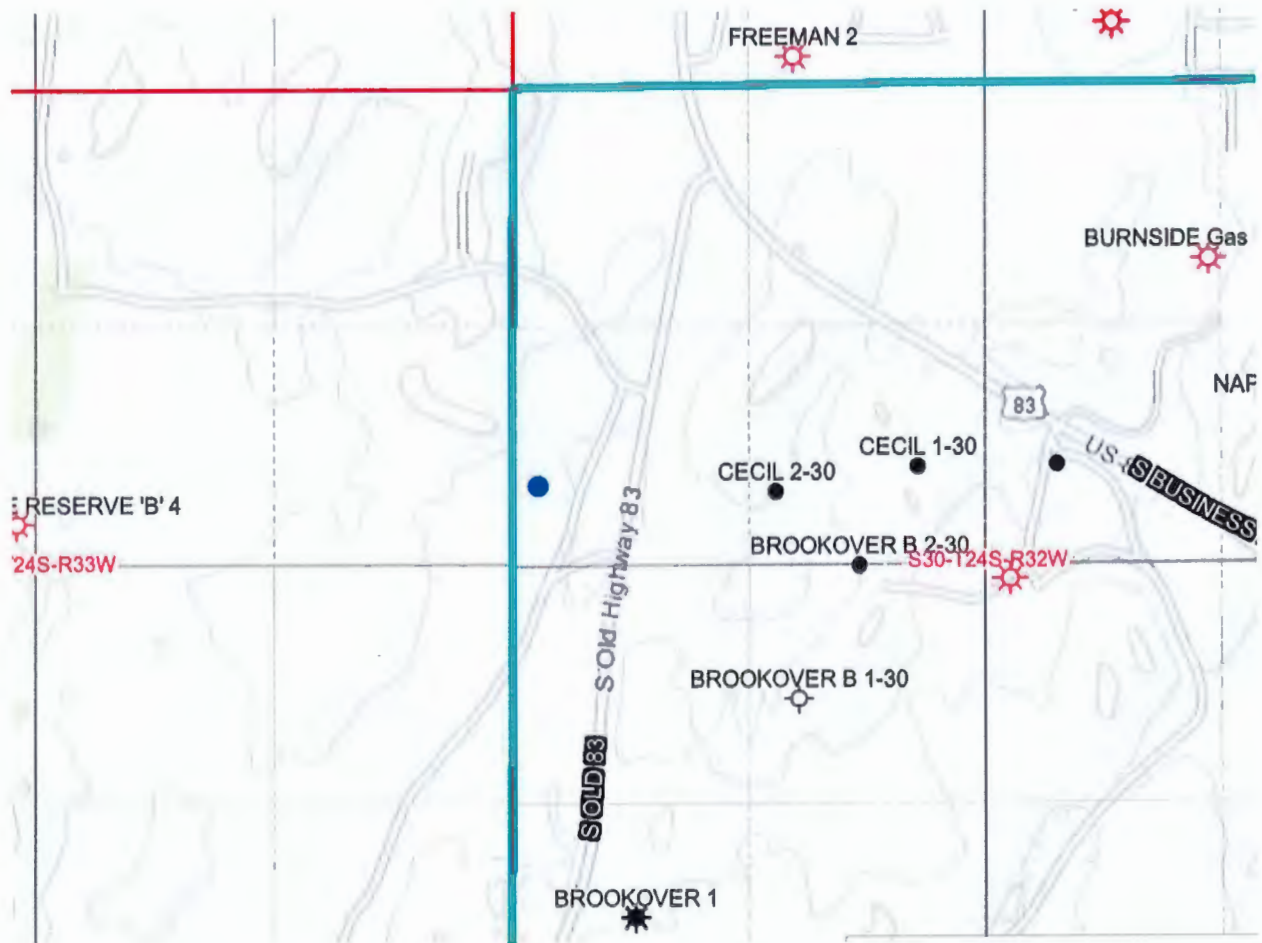
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NW/4 Sec 30 – T24S – R32W

Note-Drawing **Not** to Scale

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO ALL: OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, UNLEASED AND OFFSETTING MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LANDOWNERS, AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Merit Energy Company, LLC ("Applicant"), has filed with the Kansas Corporation Commission an application requesting a well location exception and full oil and gas allowable for its Napeste #3-30 well to be located 174' from the West line and 2,139' from the North line of Section 30-T24S-R32W, Finney County, Kansas, which location is 174' from the western boundary of the lease line. Applicant plans to drill the well to a depth of 6,000' measured from surface to test the Morrow and upper Mississippi formations for oil and gas reserves.

The application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to such application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within 15 days from the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the application may be determined administratively by the Commission and may thereby be granted without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the application will violate correlative rights, cause waste or pollution. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202, with a copy to applicant's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 19th day of June, 2025, I caused the original of the foregoing Application, Exhibits A-1, A-2, B and C, and the Notice of Application to be electronically filed with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, and caused true and correct copies of the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the individuals identified paragraph 9 of the Application.


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