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

In the matter of the Application of John O. Farmer, Inc. for ) an exception to the Pit Closure time limitation of K.A.R. 82- ) 3-602 at its Denton #1 located in the NE/4 of Section 13, ) Township 17 South, Range 11 East, Lyon County, Kansas )

Docket No. 20-CONS-<u>3167</u>-CEXC CONSERVATION DIVISION License No: 5135

# APPLICATION

COMES NOW John O. Farmer, Inc. (Applicant) and in support of its Application in the above captioned matter, states as follows:

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1. Applicant is a Kansas Corporation doing business in the State of Kansas. Applicant's address is 370 West Wichita, Russell, Kansas 67665.

2. The Kansas Corporation Commission has issued Applicant an Operator's License number 5135, which expires on June 30, 2020.

3. Applicant is the owner and operator of the Denton #1, API #15-111-20538 (the subject well), which is located 500 feet from the north line and 2345 feet from the east line of the NE/4 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 11 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lyon County, Kansas. The subject pit is located on Applicant's Denton #1 Unit Lease covering the NE/4 of Section 13, Township 17 South, Range 11 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Lyon County, Kansas.

4. K.A.R. 82-3-100 (b) states that the Commission may grant an exception to the requirement of any of its regulations.

5. Applicant respectfully requests an exception to the deadline for closing a drilling pit as provided in K.A.R. 82-3-602. Applicant has received two 3-month extensions but, due

to certain circumstances beyond Applicant's control, has been unable to complete closure of the drilling pit.

6. An exception and corresponding extension of time to close the pit will cause no environmental harm. Applicant has closed up those portions of the pit deemed dry enough to close.

7. The Applicant has been unable to completely close the pit within the time prescribed by regulation due to intermittent but persistent rainfall at the location.

8. The name and address of the landowner on whose land the well and pit are located is Tammy J. Denton Revocable Trust, 1242 Road 310, Allen, Kansas 66833. The names and addresses of the unleased mineral owners of record and entitled to receive notice of this Application are shown on the attached Exhibit "A." Other than Applicant, there are no operators of leases of record within one-half (1/2) mile of the subject well.

9. Attached as Exhibit "B" are maps showing the location of the Denton #1.

WHEREFORE, John O. Farmer, Inc. prays that this Application be docketed by the Commission and that if no written protest is received within thirty (30) days after Notice of the Application has been published and duly provided to all interested parties, the Commission issue an order administratively granting John O. Farmer, Inc. an exception to the time limitation set forth in K.A.R. 82-3-602 and allow an additional extension of ninety (90) days. In the event a timely and proper protest is filed with the Commission, John O. Farmer, Inc. requests that the Commission set this Application for hearing and, upon such hearing, grant the request for exception and afford such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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By

Dennis R. Davidson, #10619

#### **VERIFICATION**

### STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF RUSSELL, SS.

Dennis R. Davidson, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, upon oath states:

That he is the attorney above named; that he has read the above Application; that he knows the content thereof; and that he knows of his own knowledge that all the statements therein made are true and correct.

Dennis R. Davidson SUBSCRIBED SAND SWORN to before me this 9+5 day of December, 2019. State of Kansas My Appt. Exp. June 1, 2020 My appointment expires:

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of December, 2019, copies of the above and foregoing Application were served by depositing them in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the landowner set forth in paragraph 8 of the said Application and each of the unleased mineral owners and operators set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to said Application, and the original Application and all necessary support documentation was electronically filed with the

Kansas Corporation Commission to a new docket via E-Filing Express.

Dennis R. Davidson

# EXHIBIT

UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS (within 1/2 mile radius) TO JOHN O. FARMER, INC. <u>Denton #1</u> 500' FNL & 2345' FEL Sec. 13-17S-11E Lyon County, Kansas

> Glen and Ginger Wessel 2721 Road M Emporia, KS 66801

J.D. Wheat Revocable Living Trust and Marie M. Wheat Revocable Living Trust Attn: Michelle Wooderson 1242 Road 320 Allen, KS 66833

Ben F. Whittredge Irrevocable Trust 2605 Derenda Dr. Hutchinson, KS 67502

Cathy J. Lewis Revocable Trust 2016 Road M Emporia, KS 66801

SW/4

Sec. 12-17S-11E

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Sec. 7-17S-12E SW/4

<u>Sec. 18-17S-12E</u> NW/4



