

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

In the matter of the failure of Novy Oil & Gas,)	Docket No.: 23-CONS-3212-CPEN
Inc. (Operator) to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-111)	
at the Beymer #4 and Isern A #2 wells in Barton)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
and Kearny County, Kansas)	
_____)	License No.: 31714
In the matter of the failure of Novy Oil & Gas,)	Docket No.: 23-CONS-3331-CPEN
Inc. (Operator) to comply with K.A.R. 82-3-111)	
at the Patton B #2 well in Scott County, Kansas)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
_____)	
)	License No.: 31714

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

MICHAEL NOVY

ON BEHALF OF NOVY OIL & GAS, INC.

AUGUST 4, 2023

Q. What is your business name and address?

A. Michael Novy. 651 S. 247th Street West, Goddard, Kansas 67052.

Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am the owner of Novy Oil & Gas, Inc., ("Novy Oil") where I serve as President.

Q. Would you please briefly describe your educational background and work experience?

A. I graduated from Maize High School, of Sedgwick County, Kansas and attended one (1) year of undergraduate school at Kansas State University. I decided to leave school after a year and work full-time for Dresser Atlas. Over my 15 years with Atlas, I attended private schools and became a general engineer. I was an engineer for Petroleum Production Management from 1990 to 1995 and currently with wife, Jan Novy and I own Novy Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Novy Oil"). We also own a Roustabout company and an ESP company. Both companies have been in business for over 10 years, and I have been involved in and running Novy Oil & Gas, Inc. since 1995.

Q. Have you previously testified before the Kansas Corporation Commission ("KCC")?

A. Yes.

Q. Are you familiar with this Docket # 23-CONS-3212-CPEN?

A. Yes, this is a consolidated docket for penalty orders for the Isern well in Barton, County, Kansas and the Patton B #2 well in Scott County, Kansas for high fluid levels.

Q. Are you familiar with the Wells?

A. Yes. Novy Oil has operated them for a number of years.

Q. What is the status of Novy Oil's compliance with the KCC's regulations on these wells?

1 A. As directed by the KCC Staff, Novy Oil has been attempting to plug the Isern since June.
2 We have attached a selection of the rig reports from our time on the lease. KCC Staff has been out
3 to visit the lease while we have been attempting to plug it and we have been in active
4 communication throughout the plugging process. The well currently has blockages in the well
5 bore that prevent the Isern from being plugged. Unfortunately, due to conditions and specific
6 difficulties with this lease, at times Novy Oil has only been able to progress six (6) inches in its
7 attempt to drill out the blockage in the well since June. Novy Oil is continuing to follow KCC
8 Staff's advice on revised plugging plans for the Isern well and is keeping its rig on site until the
9 well can be properly plugged. We have also been consulting with Kansas Fishing Tools for advice.
10 We have made several attempts to fish the parted tubing or mill it up both with no success as so
11 far.

12 Unfortunately, Novy Oil's rig being on the Isern means that it can not get to the other wells to
13 bring them into compliance with KCC regulations until the Isern plugging is completed. The
14 Patton well has a fairly simple repair to bring it into compliance and back into production, but
15 since Novy Oil received the Penalty Order on Isern first, it has prioritized the Isern plugging
16 project. If Novy Oil was required to plug the Patton B #2 under these conditions, it would
17 constitute waste. Novy Oil can and intends to bring the Patton B back into production and at
18 present is only prevented from doing so because it is currently occupied on the Isern well. If
19 progress is not made soon, we may move to the Patton B well because we believe it may be
20 returned to production quickly.

21 **Q. Does this complete your testimony at this time as of August 4, 2023?**

22 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 4th day of August, 2023, the Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Michael Novy on Behalf of Novy Oil & Gas, Inc., was electronically filed (pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-219(h), a hard copy will not follow) and a copy e-mailed to the following:

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