

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of White	)	Docket No. 26-CONS <u>3085</u> -CEXC
Exploration, Inc. for an Exception to the 10-year	)	
Time Limitation of K.A.R. § 82-3-111 for the	)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Blackstock #6 well Located in the NW/4 of Section	)	
4, Township 35 South, Range 12 West,	)	
Barber County, Kansas	)	License No. 33856
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APPLICATION

White Exploration, Inc. for its Application in the above-captioned matter states and alleges as follows:

1. White Exploration, Inc. ("White Exploration") is a Kansas corporation and its business address is 1635 N. Waterfront Parkway, Suite 100, Wichita, Kansas 67206.

2. The State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (the "Commission") issued White Exploration operator's license #33856 which expires on September 20, 2025.

3. While Exploration owns and operates the following described well located in Barber County, Kansas:

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>API #</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
Blackstock #6	15-007-20872-00-00	NW/4 of Sec. 4-35S-12W 4,290' FSL & 4,620' FEL of Section 4

(the "Subject Well"). The Subject Well is located on an active oil and gas lease.

4. Pursuant to K.A.R. § 82-3-111, the previous operator of the Blackstock #6 well applied for and obtained from the Commission temporary abandonment status for the Subject Well commencing on the following date:

Well Name

Initial TA Date

Blackstock #6

August 18, 2015

The approved TA status has been maintained in effect for the Subject Well since that date.

5. The Commission Staff notified the prior operator, Berexco, LLC, that the continued temporary abandonment status of the Subject Well was being denied by the Commission because the Subject Well had been temporarily abandoned for more than ten (10) years. Berexco, LLC advised that Commission Staff that it was in the process of selling the well to White Exploration, and White Exploration understands that Staff agreed to extend the deadline to file this Application under those circumstances.

6. K.A.R. § 82-3-111 provides for an exception to the 10-year limitation upon filing an Application with the Commission pursuant to K.A.R. § 82-3-100. White Exploration hereby requests an exception to the 10-year limitation set forth in K.A.R. § 82-3-111 for the Subject Well.

7. The Subject Well has demonstrated mechanical integrity as evidenced by the fact that said well passed a Staff-witnessed mechanical integrity test of the casing between the surface and a point within 50 feet above the uppermost perforation or open hole in the well on August 4, 2025.

8. Based on the results of that mechanical integrity test, the Subject Well does not pose a threat of pollution to fresh or usable waters in the vicinity of that well. Moreover, the Subject Well has surface casing that is set to a depth that is sufficient to protect the fresh usable groundwater in the vicinity of that well.

9. White Exploration recently acquired the Subject Well from another operator and desires to preserve the well to give White Exploration time to evaluate whether that well can

possibly be placed back into production in the future. The cost to redrill and complete a new well is estimated to be \$700,000. Plugging the Subject Well before White Exploration has an opportunity to fully evaluate whether it can be placed back into production will cause economic waste.

10. White Exploration estimates that the cost of plugging the Subject Well is approximately \$30,000. If White Exploration can successfully return the Subject Well to production and produce the remaining recoverable reserves from the Subject Well it will be preventing premature plugging and waste.

11. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a plat map showing the Subject Well and, for the lease on which such well is located, the location of all producing, injection, temporarily abandoned, abandoned, and plugged wells located on the same leased premises.

12. Based on the foregoing, White Exploration requests that the Commission grant an exception to the 10-year limitation imposed by K.A.R. § 82-3-111 to allow the Subject Well to remain eligible for temporary abandonment status for three (3) years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation for such well. Further, White Exploration requests that such exception be subject to yearly renewal with the KCC District #1 office but without further need to re-apply for a new exception for each of the extensions that are requested in this Application.

13. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a list of the names and addresses of (A) the operator of each oil and gas lease covering lands located within a one-half mile radius of the Subject Well and not operated by White Exploration; (B) each person who owns of record unleased minerals within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the Subject Well; and (C) the owner(s) of the surface of the land on which the Subject Well is located. A copy of this Application will be mailed to each of the persons listed on Exhibit "B" as required by K.A.R. § 82-3-135a.

14. Notice of this Application and the hearing thereon will be published by White Exploration as required by K.A.R. § 82-3-135a.

WHEREFORE, White Exploration, Inc. ("White Exploration") requests that this Application be set for hearing and, upon hearing, that the Commission grant this request for an exception to the 10-year limitation during which the Subject Well may be temporarily abandoned pursuant K.A.R. § 82-3-111 to allow the Subject Well to remain in that statue for three (3) additional years following the expiration of the 10-year limitation, subject to yearly renewal with the appropriate District Office, but without further need to re-apply for a new exception, and for such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and equitable.

Respectfully Submitted,



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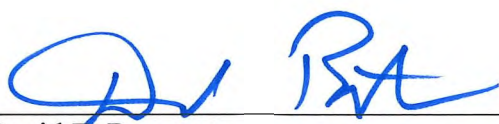
Attorneys for White Exploration, Inc.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

David E. Bengtson, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath states:

That he is the attorney for the Applicant named in the foregoing Application and is duly authorized to make this verification; that he has read the foregoing Application and knows the contents thereof and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his information and belief.



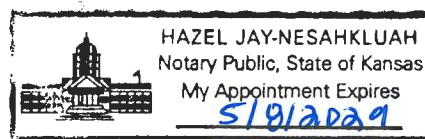
David E. Bengtson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 19th day of September, 2025.



Notary Public

My Appointment Expires: 5/8/2029

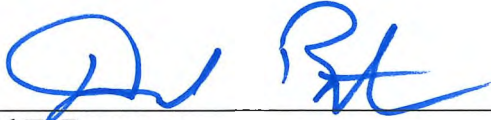


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STATE OF KANSAS)
) ss:
COUNTY OF SEDGWICK)

David E. Bengtson, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath states:

That on September 19, 2025, a true and correct copy of the Application and Notice of Hearing were mailed to all interested parties listed on Exhibit "B" to the foregoing Application by depositing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid.



David E. Bengtson

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EXHIBIT A

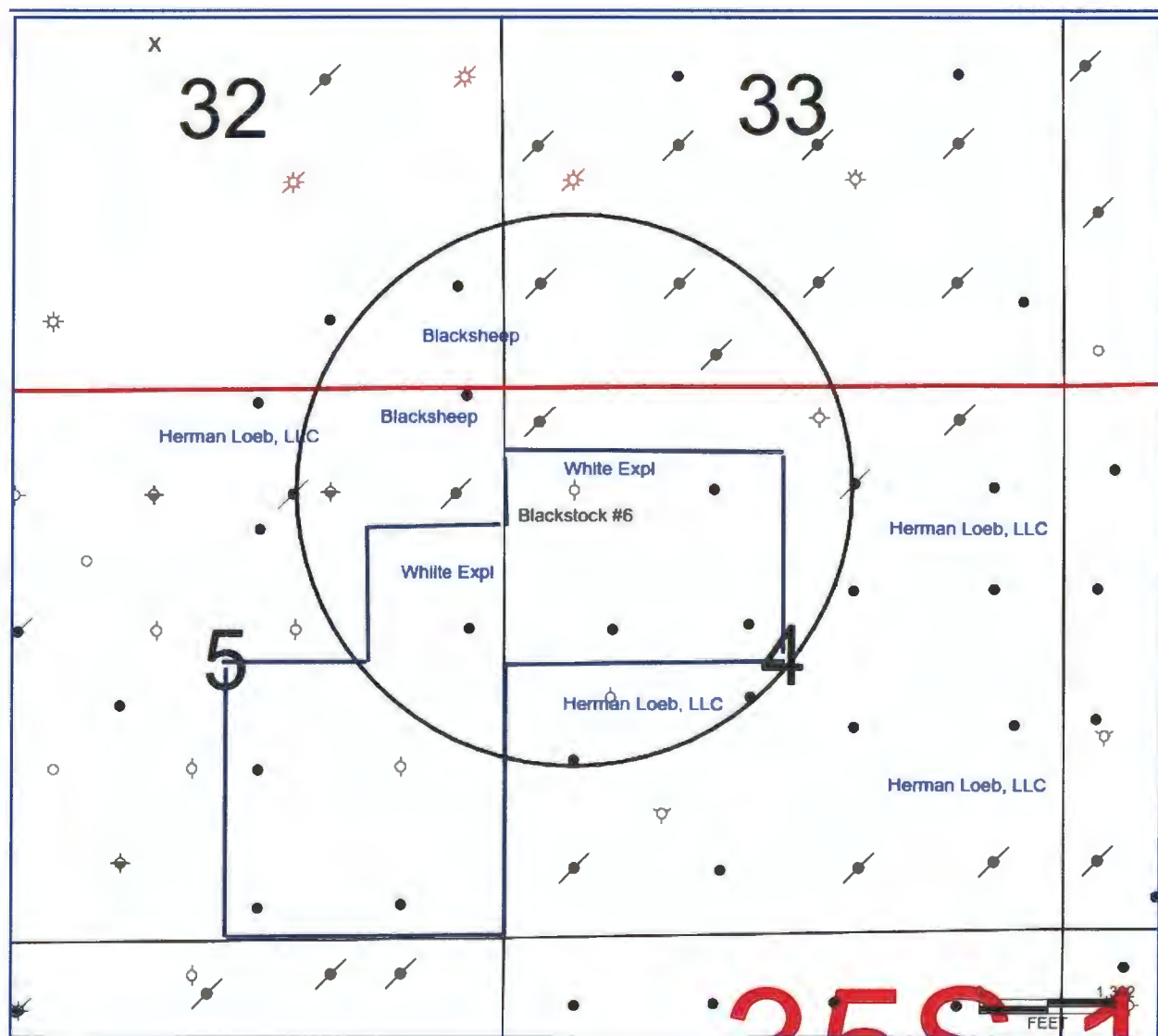


EXHIBIT B

Surface Owner

Endowment Trust Fund of IOOF
P.O. Box 395
St. John, Kansas 67576

Offsetting Operators

Herman L. Loeb, LLC
P.O. Box 838
Lawrenceville, Illinois 62439

Blacksheep Oil & Gas, LLC
101 N. Main St.
Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104

Unleased Mineral Owners

None