

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

In the matter of the application of Palomino)	Docket No.: 21-CONS-3225-CWLE
Petroleum, Inc., for a location exception for its)	
Coombs-Williamson #2 well located in the SE/4)	CONSERVATION DIVISION
Section 7-18S-24W, Ness County, Kansas.)	
_____)	License No.: 30742

STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION

Comes now the Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Staff and Commission, respectively) recommending the Commission grant Operator's application. In support of Staff's recommendation, Staff states the following:

1. On April 15, 2021, Palomino Petroleum, Inc. (Operator) filed an application requesting a well location exception, drilling unit, and 58 barrel per day allowable for its proposed Coombs-Williamson #2 well (Subject Well), an oil well to be located 268 feet from the South line and 178 feet from the East line of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 24 West, Ness County, Kansas.¹

2. On April 27, 2021, Operator filed affidavits of publication from The Wichita Eagle and Ness County News.

3. On April 28, 2021, a Motion to Intervene and Protest was filed on behalf of Pickrell Drilling Company, Inc.

4. On June 3, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Designating Presiding Officer and Setting Prehearing Conference.

¹ See Application of Palomino Petroleum, Inc., ¶¶ 1, 10 (Apr. 15, 2021).

5. On June 7, 2021, Pickrell Drilling filed a Motion to Withdraw Protest Without Prejudice. On June 18, 2021, Pickrell Drilling filed a Motion to Withdraw Motion to Intervene and Protest Without Prejudice.

6. Staff has had the opportunity to completely review the Operator's application in this matter. Staff believes that Operator has provided sufficient evidence to support its claim that the drilling submitted and has met all necessary requirements for a well location exception pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-108. Staff believes granting Operator's application will prevent waste, be protective of correlative rights, and that granting of the application raises no pollution issues.

Wherefore, for the reasons described above, Staff recommends granting Operator's well location exception application. Staff also recommends an allowable of 58 barrels per day and standard drilling unit, except the acreage of the drilling unit should be reduced along the southern and eastern sides to match the lease boundary line.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Staff Recommendation on Application has been served to the following by means of first class mail and electronic service on June 22, 2021.

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