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Mick Thomas
Division Administrator, Minerals, Navigable Waters, Oil & Gas
Idaho Department of Lands
300 N. 6th St., Suite 103
Boise, ID 83702

Re: Kauffman #1-9 (USWN 11-075-20027); Request to return well to active status

Dear Administrator Thomas:

On behalf of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC, pursuant to IDAPA 20.07.02.501.05, I am writing to request to return the status of the Kauffman #1-9 well (USWN 11-075-20027) to active. The reasons for this request are:

1. The well is capable of production but shut in due to the lack of economic produced water disposal. Shut in payments have been made pursuant to the terms of the lease associated with the well.
2. Snake River has been diligently pursuing permitting of a Class II injection well for the disposal of produced water, by conversion of the existing DJS Properties #2-14 well. Notice of issuance of an aquifer exemption and issuance of a permit for the injection well (Final Permit ID-2D001-A) was issued by EPA Region 10 on November 3, 2022. The permit became effective on December 19, 2022. Snake River is diligently pursuing completion of the steps required under the permit for commissioning of the well as permitted and receipt of produced water for reinjection.
3. In accordance with IDAPA 20.07.02.501.05, a mechanical integrity test was successfully performed on the Kauffman #1-9 well on December 16, 2022. A copy of the results of that test are attached. I understand the testing method was approved by the Department.
4. Snake River believes that it will satisfy the Class II permit requirements and the DJS Properties #2-14 well will be available for receipt of produced water from the Kauffman #1-9 and other area wells within 12-18 months.

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Based on the above, Snake River requests that the Kauffman #1-9 well be returned to active status for 18 months (or, if produced water disposal by injection becomes available sooner and the well resumes production, in accordance with IDAPA 20.07.01.501).

Please let me or Snake River know if you have any questions or need additional information to evaluate this request.

Very truly yours,
HARDEE, PINOL & KRACKE, PLLC



Michael Christian

Attachment: Kauffman #1-9 MIT results
cc: Richard Brown, Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC