

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF FORWARD ENERGY LLC THREE
INACTIVE WELLS IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY,
MONTANA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2-A-2021

Forward Energy, LLC (Forward) is the operator of the following three inactive shut-in wells in Yellowstone County, Montana. These wells have been shut-in for over 10 years.

- Forquer 42-25, API # 25-111-21237, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, T4N-R24E (gas)
- Brown 1-12, API # 25-111-21174, located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T4 N-R25E (oil)
- Brown 2-12, API # 25-111-21192, located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, T4 N-R25E (oil)

A landowner requested the Brown 1-12 and Brown 2-12 wells be plugged and abandoned. The landowner claims the mineral lease covering these wells has expired and has no intent to renew the lease.

On December 2, 2020, Mr. Tim Beeman with Forward submitted a sundry for each of the three inactive wells. On the Brown 1-12 and Brown 2-12 sundries, Mr. Beeman indicated the price of oil needs to be above \$80 a barrel for six months to economically produce the oil wells. On the sundry notice received for the Forquer 42-25 gas well, Mr. Beeman indicated someone may be interested in purchasing the well but no change of operator request has been filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Forward must show cause at the April 8, 2021, public hearing for why it should not have to provide a plan and timeline for the plugging and abandonment of its wells.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2021

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

James W. Halvorson, Administrator