

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

IN THE MATTER OF MIDWAY ENERGY, LLC INACTIVE
WELLS IN CARBON, MUSSELSHELL, AND STILLWATER
COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-A-2023

Midway Energy, LLC (Midway) is the operator of fifteen wells in Carbon, Musselshell, and Stillwater Counties, Montana. Of those wells, eleven have been inactive for two or more years.

At the October 9, 2019, business meeting, Midway stated it planned to plug the Hunt Creek 1-H well (API # 25-009-21301) and was waiting for bid proposals to plug the well. The Board requested that Midway provide board staff with the bid proposals for the plugging of the Hunt Creek 1-H well. No bid proposals were received.

On December 20, 2022, a certified letter was mailed to Midway requesting a plan and schedule of abandonment for the inactive wells or justification with supporting documentation for leaving the inactive wells unplugged. This request was made in accordance with ARM 36.22.1307. No response was received.

On March 9, 2023, a follow up email was sent. Midway responded with a review of each well. No reduction of plugging liability had been included in Midway's response.

As of the April 12, 2023, business meeting, Midway has not reactivated, plugged, or filed any intents to abandon any of its shut-in wells.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Midway Energy, LLC is to appear at the Board's June 14, 2023, business meeting to provide an update of its actions taken to reduce its plugging liability.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2023

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

Benjamin Jones, Administrator