

**55-1317. Unitization without KCC order, when.** (a) As used in this section, terms have the meanings provided by K.S.A. 55-1302, and amendments thereto.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c), if all mineral and royalty owners and not less than 90% of the working interest owners approve, in writing, a contract for the unit operation of a pool or part thereof, such unit operations shall become effective without application to or order by the state corporation commission.

(c) Before a contract for the unit operation of a pool or part thereof shall become effective pursuant to subsection (b), the person or persons wishing to provide for the unit operation shall file a copy of the contract with the state corporation commission and shall notify all working interest owners of the intention to conduct the unit operation. Such notice shall be in the manner provided by law for notice of an application requesting an order for the unit operation of a pool or part thereof. The notice shall inform the working interest owner of the right to institute proceedings within 30 days after receipt of the notice to have the matter determined by the state corporation commission. Any working interest owner, within 30 days after receipt of the notice, may institute proceedings before the state corporation commission to determine the matter in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 55-1301 et seq., and amendments thereto. If no such proceedings are instituted, the contract shall become effective upon expiration of the 30-day period.

(d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the provisions of article 13 of chapter 55 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

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