

Submit To: CHIEF ENGINEER  
 Division of Water Resources  
 Kansas Department of Agriculture  
 1320 Research Park Drive  
 Manhattan, Kansas 66502  
 http://agriculture.ks.gov/dwr

**SECOND AMENDED**  
**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO**  
**CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE, THE**  
**POINT OF DIVERSION OR THE USE**  
**MADE OF THE WATER UNDER AN**  
**EXISTING WATER RIGHT**



State of Kansas

**Filing Fee Must Accompany the Application**  
 (Please refer to Fee Schedule on signature page of application form.)

**Paragraph Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 must be completed. Complete all other applicable portions.** A topographic map or detailed plat showing the authorized and proposed points(s) of diversion and /or place of use must accompany this application.

1. Application is hereby made for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the

Place of Use

(Check one or more)  Point of Diversion

Use Made of Water

File No. 21,733 Circle 13.

2. Name of applicant: City of Hays, Kansas and City of Russell, Kansas (See Section I.A. of the Cover Letter.)

Address: c/o Foulston Siefkin LLP, 1551 N. Waterfront Parkway, Suite 100

City, State and Zip: Wichita, Kansas 67206

Phone Number: ( 316 ) 291-9725

E-mail address: dtraaster@foulston.com

What is your relationship to the water right;  owner  tenant  agent  other? If other, please explain.

Hays and Russell are co-owners of the authorized place of use on the R9 Ranch in Edwards County, Kansas

Name of water use correspondent: City of Hays, Kansas

Address: P.O. Box 490, 1507 Main Street

City, State and Zip: Hays, Kansas 67601

Phone Number: ( 785 ) 628-7320

E-mail address: tdougherty@haysusa.com

3. The change(s) proposed herein are desired for the following reasons (please be specific): \_\_\_\_\_

See Section I.B. of the accompanying Cover Letter which is incorporated by reference. The Cover Letter supersedes the June 25, 2015 Cover Letter that accompanied the original Change Applications.

The change(s) (was) (will be) completed by December 31, 2029.

(Date)

**For Office Use Only:**

F.O.        GMD        Meets K.A.R. 5-5-1 (YES / NO) Use        Source        G / S County        By        Date         
 Code        Fee \$        TR #        Receipt Date        Check #



- 6. The presently authorized point(s) of diversion (is) (are) irrigation well(s) described in paragraphs 8, 9, and 10.  
(Provide description and number of points)
- 7. The proposed point(s) of diversion (is) (are) a new municipal well described in paragraphs 8, 9, and/or 10 and in the Attachment.  
(Provide description and number of points)

**List all presently authorized point(s) of diversion:**

8. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the SW Quarter of the NW Quarter of the SW Quarter of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 19 (X/W), in Edwards County, Kansas, 1,356 feet North 5,021 feet West of Southeast corner of section. Authorized Rate 915 gpm Authorized Quantity 189 a/f  
 (DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested)**  
 One in the NE Quarter of the SE Quarter of the SW Quarter of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 19 (X/W), in Edwards County, Kansas, 824 feet North 3,036 feet West of Southeast corner of section. Proposed Rate See Attachment Proposed Quantity See Attachment  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point 21,734.

9. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section. Authorized Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 (DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section. Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_.

10. **Presently authorized point of diversion:**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section. Authorized Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 (DWR use only: Computer ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ GPS \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West)  
 This point will not be changed  This point will be changed as follows:  
**Proposed point of diversion: (Complete only if change is requested)**  
 One in the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_ South, Range \_\_\_\_\_ (E/W), in \_\_\_\_\_ County, Kansas, \_\_\_\_\_ feet North \_\_\_\_\_ feet West of Southeast corner of section. Proposed Rate \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Quantity \_\_\_\_\_  
 This point is:  Additional Well  Geo Center List other water rights that will use this point \_\_\_\_\_.

- 11. Describe the current condition of and future plans for any point(s) of diversion which will no longer be used. \_\_\_\_\_  
See the Attachment.

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12. The presently authorized use of water is for irrigation purposes.

It is proposed that the use be changed to municipal purposes.

13. If changing the place of use and/or use made of water, describe how the consumptive use will not be increased.

See the Attachment and the Master Order, Section III, Quantities for Municipal Use.

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(Please show any calculations here.)

14. It is requested that the maximum annual quantity of water be reduced to See Attachment (acre-feet or million gallons).

15. It is requested that the maximum rate of diversion of water be reduced to See Attachment gallons per minute (\_\_\_\_ c.f.s.).

16. The application must include either a topographic map or detailed plat. A U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Map, scale 1:24,000, is available through the Kansas Geological Survey, 1930 Constant Avenue, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66047-3726 ([www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)). The map should show the location of the presently authorized point(s) of diversion. Distances North and West of the Southeast corner of the section must be shown. The presently authorized place of use should also be shown. Identify the center of the section, the section lines and the section corners and show the appropriate section, township, and range numbers on the map. In addition the following information must also be shown on the map.

a. If a change in the location of the point(s) of diversion is proposed, show:

- 1) The location of the proposed point(s) of diversion. Distances North and West of the Southeast corner of the section must be shown. Please be certain that the information shown on the map agrees with the information shown in Paragraph Nos. 9, 10 and 11 of the application.
- 2) If the source of supply is groundwater, please show the location of existing water wells of any kind, including domestic wells, within 1/2 mile of the proposed well or wells. Identify each well as to its use and furnish name and mailing address of the property owner or owners. If there are no wells within 1/2 mile, please indicate so on the map.
- 3) If the source of supply is surface water, the names and mailing addresses of all landowner(s) 1/2 mile downstream and 1/2 mile upstream from your property lines must be shown.

b. If a change in the place of use is desired, show the proposed place of use by crosshatching on the map. Please be certain that the information shown on the map agrees with the information shown in Paragraph No. 5 of the application.

17. Attach documentation to show the change(s) proposed herein will not impair existing water rights and relates to the same local source of supply as to which the water right relates. This information may include statements, plats, geology reports, well logs, test hole logs, and other information as necessary information to show the above. Additional comments may be made below.

See the Master Order, Section II, Change in Beneficial Use; Section VI, Change in Places of Use; and Section VIII, Change in Points of Diversion.

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\_\_\_\_\_

18. If the proposed change(s) does not meet all applicable rules and regulations of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, please identify the rules and regulations for which you request a waiver. State the reason why a waiver is needed and why the request should be granted. Attach documentation showing that granting the request will not impair existing water rights and will not prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest.

No waivers are required.

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This Amended Change Application is contingent on (a) the entry of the Master Order as a Final Order with terms that are acceptable to the Cities and (b) the occurrence of the contingencies in the *Effective Date and Expiration Date* Section of the Master Order.

**5. It is proposed that the place of use be changed to:**

- a. The various parcels of land known as the R9 Ranch located in Edwards County, Kansas, as specifically described in **Appendix A** of the Master Order.
- b. The City of Hays, Kansas and its immediate vicinity as well as related areas in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section 19 and the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 36, T13S-R18W, Ellis County, Kansas.<sup>1</sup>
- c. The City of Russell, Kansas and its immediate vicinity.<sup>2</sup>

Other water rights owned by the City of Hays: EL 002; 1,248; 5,757; 18,857; 18,858; 33,296; 33,548; 36,519; 36,520; 36,804; 40,367; 40,368; 40,702; 40,703; 40,704; 40,705; 40,706; and 40,707.

Other water rights owned by the City of Russell: RS 08; 206; 1,267; 1,861; 7,628; 17,586; 17,587; 36,680; and 20139006.

**8., 9., and 10. Proposed Rate, Quantity, and Well Location**

The Cities requested a total of 219.45 acre-feet at 915 gpm from the well associated with this water right to be diverted from new Municipal Well “C,” as shown on Exhibit J. When combined with existing wells from other water rights, new Municipal Well “C” would have a cumulative total of 367.49 acre-feet at 1,692.82 gpm.

After extensive negotiation, the Cities and the Chief Engineer have reached an agreement on numerous terms that are set out in the Master Order, including an agreement that, subject to the negotiated terms and the contingencies in the Master Order, the proposed Municipal Well “C” will be limited to 365.8 acre-feet per year for municipal use at a maximum rate of 1,360 gallons per minute with 189.0 acre-feet diverted from File 21,733 and the balance from File 21,734.

Attached as Exhibits J, K, P, and Q are maps that show the location of the currently authorized points of diversion, the proposed location of new Municipal Well “C,” a one-half mile buffer around the proposed Municipal Well, a 1,000-foot radius around the proposed well location, and the proposed areal limits within which the new Municipal Well can be located without having to file a new change application.

**11. Describe the current condition of and future plans for any point(s) of diversion that will no longer be used.**

All but a few of the irrigation wells on the R9 Ranch have been properly plugged and WWC-5P well plugging forms have been prepared and submitted to KDHE. *See* Exhibit R for the Well Plugging Record for the irrigation well authorized by File 21,733.

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<sup>1</sup> See Exhibit L.

<sup>2</sup> See Exhibit M.

**13. If changing the place of use and the use made of water, describe how the consumptive use will not be increased:**

*Quantity authorized and perfected*

The Permit was issued on February 27, 1976, granting the applicant the right to divert up to 250 acre-feet annually at a rate not to exceed 1,000 gallons per minute for irrigation use,<sup>3</sup> on 126 acres in Sections 32 and 33-T25S-R19W,<sup>4</sup> or 1.98 acre-feet per acre. The Certificate limited the rate to 915 gallons per minute.

In the cover letter transmitting the Permit, DWR made findings of fact stating that “the proposed use is for a *beneficial* purpose and is *within reasonable limitations*. If priorities are observed and respected, the proposed use will neither impair any use under existing water rights nor prejudicially and unreasonably affect the public interest.”<sup>5</sup>

The Field Inspection Reports indicate that all of the 250 acre-feet authorized by the Permit were lawfully perfected.

- 294 acre-feet were applied to 126 approved acres.<sup>6</sup>

While the Certificate limits the total quantity to 189 acre-feet based on DWR’s after-the-fact determination that 1.5 acre-feet per acre was a reasonable quantity for irrigation use, DWR did not have jurisdiction to make this reduction.<sup>7</sup>

Since the perfection period has expired, the “authorized quantity” for this water right is the 250 acre-feet actually perfected even though it exceeds the certified quantity.

*NIR for Alfalfa*

According to the Kansas Irrigation Guide, the NIR for the 50% chance rainfall in Edwards County is 20.9 (1.74 feet) inches for alfalfa.

Since alfalfa was grown on the authorized place of use during the perfection period,<sup>8</sup> it is reasonable to use the NIR for alfalfa, which yields a total quantity of 219.45 acre-feet consumed. While this quantity is greater than the quantity set out in the Certificate, it is less than the 250 perfected acre-feet, the “maximum annual quantity authorized by the water right.”<sup>9</sup>

*See also* Exhibits N and O.

**14. The maximum annual quantity of water for municipal use:**

Subject to the contingencies stated above and the negotiated terms of the Master Order, the proposed Municipal Well “C” will be limited to a maximum quantity of 365.8 acre-feet per

<sup>3</sup> Permit, HAYS001491, Ex. A.

<sup>4</sup> Application, HAYS001485, Ex. B.

<sup>5</sup> February 27, 1976, letter (emphasis added), HAYS001490, Ex. C.

<sup>6</sup> FIR, HAYS001477, Ex. D.

<sup>7</sup> Certificate, HAYS001499, Ex. E; Doug Bush Memo dated September 24, 1987, HAYS001494, Ex. F; and *Clawson v. Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Water Resources*, 49 Kan. App. 2d 789, 315 P.3d 896 (2013).

<sup>8</sup> *American Ag Industries v. Slentz McAlister* Trial Exhibits, HAYS004448-4453, Ex. G.

<sup>9</sup> See K.A.R. 5-5-9(a)(4).

year for municipal use with 189.0 acre-feet diverted from File 21,733 and the balance from File 21,734.

**15. The maximum annual rate of diversion:**

Subject to the contingencies stated above and the negotiated terms of the Master Order, the proposed Municipal Well "C" will be limited to a maximum rate of 1,360 gallons per minute, 3.03 cubic feet per second.



**WATER WELL PLUGGING RECORD Form WWC-5P KSA 82a-1212 ID NO.**

Well #13

<b>1 LOCATION OF WATER WELL:</b> County: <b>Edwards</b>	Fraction <b>¼ nw ¼ SW ¼ SW ¼</b>	Section Number <b>33</b>	Township Number <b>T 25 S</b>	Range Number <b>19</b> <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W
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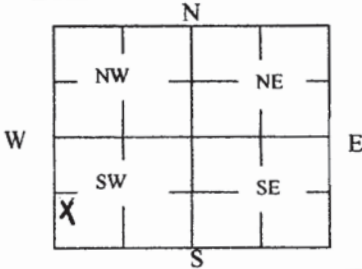
Street/Rural Address of Well Location; if unknown, distance & direction from nearest town or intersection: If at owner's address, check here  5 3/4 South of Kinsley

**Global Positioning Systems (GPS) information:**  
 Latitude: 37.8294 (in decimal degrees)  
 Longitude: 99.4238 (in decimal degrees)  
 Elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horizontal Datum:  WGS84,  NAD83,  NAD27  
 Collection Method: \_\_\_\_\_

**2 WATER WELL OWNER:** City of Hays  
 RR#, St. Address, Box #: P.O. Box 56  
 City, State ZIP Code: Hays, KS 67601

GPS unit (Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Digital Map/Photo,  Topographic Map,  Land Survey  
 Est. Accuracy:  < 3 m,  3-5 m,  5-15 m,  > 15 m

**3 MARK WELL'S LOCATION WITH AN "X" IN SECTION BOX:**



**4 DEPTH OF WELL** 82 **ft.**  
**WELL'S STATIC WATER LEVEL** 27 **ft**

**WELL WAS USED AS:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/> Dewatering
<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil Field Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring
<input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic (Lawn & Garden)	<input type="checkbox"/> Injection Well
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Air Conditioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Was a chemical/bacteriological sample submitted to Department? Yes  No

**5 TYPE OF BLANK CASING USED:**

Steel  RMP (SR)  Wrought  Fiberglass  Other (Specify below)  
 PVC  ABS  Asbestos-Cement  Concrete Tile

Blank casing diameter 16 in. Was casing pulled? Yes  No  If yes, how much \_\_\_\_\_  
 Casing height above or below land surface 36 in.

**6 GROUT PLUG MATERIAL:**  Neat cement  Cement grout  Bentonite  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Grout Plug Intervals: From 27 ft. to 3 ft., From \_\_\_\_\_ ft. to \_\_\_\_\_ ft., From \_\_\_\_\_ ft. to \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

**What is the nearest source of possible contamination:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Septic tank	<input type="checkbox"/> Seepage pit	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel storage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Pit privy	<input type="checkbox"/> Fertilizer storage	<u>None</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Watertight sewer lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage lagoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Insecticide storage	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lateral lines	<input type="checkbox"/> Feedyard	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned water well	Direction from well? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cess pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock pens	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil well/Gas well	How many feet? _____

FROM	TO	PLUGGING MATERIALS	FROM	TO	PLUGGING MATERIALS
82	27	Chlorinated gravel			
27	3	Cement grout			
3	0	Top soil			

**7 CONTRACTOR'S OR LANDOWNER'S CERTIFICATION:** This water well was plugged under my jurisdiction and was completed on (mo/day/year) 2-21-18 and this record is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. Kansas Water Well Contractor's License No. 134. This Water Well Record was completed on (mo/day/year) 2-28-18 under the business name of Rosencrantz- Bemis Ent Inc by (signature) [Signature]

Send one white copy to Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Geology Section, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Ste. 420, Topeka, KS 66612-1367. Send one copy to WATER WELL OWNER and retain one for your records.  
 Visit us at <http://www.kdheks.gov/waterwell/index.html> Telephone 785-296-5524.