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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Convenience Store in Sharon Springs

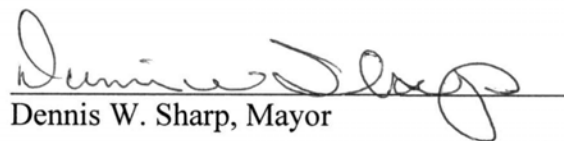
The City of Sharon Springs is pleased to learn that Erik Howell, d/b/a The 27 40 Store, Inc., has purchased the SS Country Store, Inc. business and location, and he is planning to keep the business in Sharon Springs, Kansas.

This business provides employment for eight to ten employees and is the only operating gas station with staff along Highway 40 from Winona, Kansas, to Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, a distance of sixty miles. Likewise, it is the only operating gas station with staff along Highway 27 from Goodland, Kansas, to Tribune, Kansas, which is likewise a distance of sixty miles, although the local COOP has an un-staffed card-trol location South of Sharon Springs.

Keeping this business in our community is important as a service as well as to provide employment opportunity for area residents. It has been for sale for several months and we are supportive of The 27 40 Store, Inc., in its endeavor to acquire this business and to continue to provide this business for our community. We welcome Erik's investment back into this community where his family has lived for over twenty-five years, and we stand ready to assist in any manner which the City may be able to do.

Sincerely,

City of Sharon Springs, Kansas


Dennis W. Sharp, Mayor

cc: City Clerk

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**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT
APPLICATION FORM**

Use only for Sites within Kansas

Applicant Information		
Applicant Name: Erik Howell, d/b/a The 27 40 Store, Inc.		
Organization: Corporation		
Address: P.O. Box 264, Sharon Springs, Kansas 67758		
Contact Person: Allan L. Hurlburt, Vice President		
Phone: 785 852-4162	Fax: 785 852-4246	Email: outbacktitle@yahoo.com
Type of Eligible Applicant: Private person d/b/a The 27 40 Store, Inc. (City, County, Village, Town, Tribe, Other)		
IS APPLICANT OR ANY OTHER PARTY UNDER ORDER FROM EPA OR KDHE TO CONDUCT SITE ASSESSMENT AND/OR CLEANUP? YES (Describe Below) <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN		
Briefly describe involvement/role of KDHE in enforcement and/or oversight of assessment/cleanup of candidate site: KDHE is responsible for underground storage tank registration and permit		

Proposed Site Information		
Name/Title of Site/Facility: The 27 40 Store, Inc.	Street Address: 102 E. Highway 40	
City: Sharon Springs	State: Kansas	Zip: 67758
Size of Site In Acres: approximately 2 acres	Current Use of Site/Facility (if any): gas station/convenience store	
Site Zoning: (attach site map, if available)		
Number of Parcels: 2 adjoining tracts	Parcel ID #:	

SECTION 1		
Current Site Ownership:		
Name: SS Country Store, Inc.		
Address: 455 N. County Road 15		
City: Leoti	State: Kansas	Zip: 67861
Phone: 620 375-2897		
If property is not owned by applicant, the applicant must secure access to the property by having the appropriate property access form signed by the property owner. The property access form is included in the Brownfields Targeted Assessment Package.		

SECTION 2		
Site History		
Is there any reason to believe the property is contaminated with CERCLA related hazardous substances?		
Yes (Describe Below)	No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown
(as defined in 40 CFR Part 30, e.g., solvents, pesticides, creosote, metals (lead, mercury, arsenic, etc.), drycleaning products)		

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SECTION 2 CONT.		
PAST SITE USES (Types of manufacturing, etc.): Gas Station - convenience store		APPROXIMATE DATES 1988 - 2010
BUILDINGS ON SITE: Convenience Store	SQUARE FOOTAGE Bldg. size 2,560 sq. ft.	CONDITION (usable, gutted, razed, etc.) Useable
PRIOR SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES: Describe Conclusions of prior site assessment activities (or attach relevant portions of report(s)). If reports are unavailable, identify consultant, client, and approximate date of study.		NONE UNKNOWN

SECTION 3 FUTURE SITE ACTIVITIES		
SITE ASSESSMENT NEEDS: Unknown Describe difficulties related to perceived contamination that have hindered reuse of the property. Need to determine if any contamination may exist.		
ANTICIPATED FUTURE USE: RESIDENTIAL RECREATIONAL COMMERCIAL/RETAIL INDUSTRIAL OTHER: Describe applicant's proposed reuse plan: Gas station - convenience store		
DESCRIBE ANY FINANCIAL INCENTIVES PLANNED TO SPUR DEVELOPMENT AND/OR CLEANUP AND PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES: (Tax incentives, etc.) <i>This program is for site assessment only, cleanup money is not being offered as part of this program.</i>		
DESCRIBE PUBLIC INTEREST AND/OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SITE REUSE PLANNING: City supportive of maintaining jobs in the community as the business provides much needed services.		
Signature: <i>Alan L. Zullent, Vice Pres.</i>	Date: 3-15-2010	

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

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