

Commission gives permit to Kentucky's first fracking drilling site

New drilling operation will not be subject new drilling regulations

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The Kentucky Oil and Gas Conservation Commission gave the green light for Kentucky's first horizontal deep-well fracturing operation in a special meeting Thursday.

The commission granted a drilling permit to Horizontal Technology Energy Company of Pennsylvania that will set up an oil and natural gas drilling operation in Johnson County.

Based off of a recommendation by hearing officer Gordon Slone, the company will drill at a target depth of 11,200 feet and has been approved for a vertical depth of 15,000 feet.

The well will tap into the Rogersville Shale that is a part of eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

Full story in tomorrow's State Journal.