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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, Brown-Ozley Sand, Hodge-Hunt Sand and Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, the Brown-Ozley Sand, the Hodge-Hunt Sand, and to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

### Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, such unit being designated CON CAN RA SUA and being shown on an attached plat.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate Applicant as Operator of, and its Pipes A No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed unit.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, be located in accordance with the provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, by Supplemental Order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir so warrant and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

7. To define the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 7,356' and 7,370' in the El Paso Production Company (formerly Sonat Exploration Company)--Pipes A No. 1 Well, located in Section 30, Township 17 North, Range 5 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A.

Brown-Ozley Sand

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Brown-Ozley Sand, such unit being designated BR-OZ SUFF and being shown on an attached plat.

2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To designate Applicant as operator of the proposed additional unit.

4. To designate Applicant's Pipes A No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed additional unit, in exception to the well location provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 78 series of Orders.

5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-D series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Brown-Ozley Sand.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

Hodge-Hunt Sand

1. To permit Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Pipes A No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for H-H SUM, said well being located as shown on an attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 78 series of Orders.
2. To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying H-H SUM which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Hodge-Hunt Sand.

The Hodge-Hunt Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, as the Hosston Formation (restricted) and subsequently renamed the Hodge-Hunt Sand.

All Sands

1. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hodge-Hunt Sand, the Brown-Ozley Sand, the Continental Can Sand, Reservoir A, and the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, or from any combination thereof, in the wellbore of any existing or future wells located on H-H SUM, BR-OZ SUFF, CON CAN RA SUA and HOSS B RA SUP.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q-8, effective July 6, 1982.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

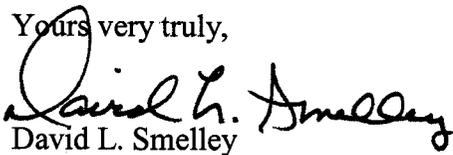
By letter dated December 4, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2004. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of the pre-application notice; therefore, no conference was held.

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Attached hereto are plats outlining the units which are the subject of Applicant's proposals, which plats are identical to those attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

— Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)  
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

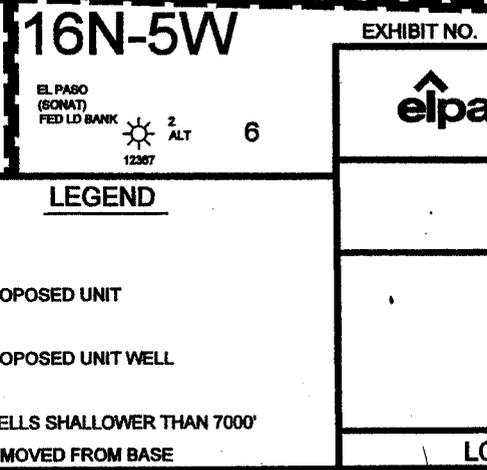
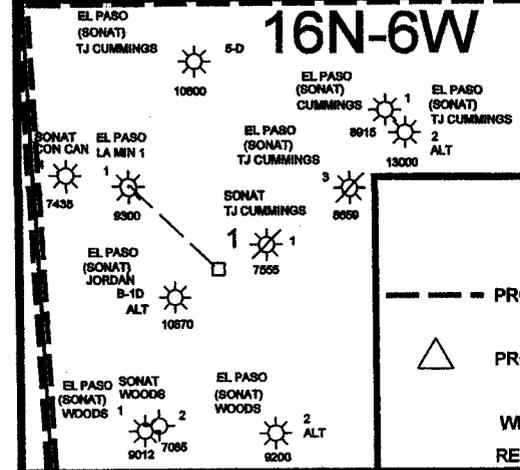
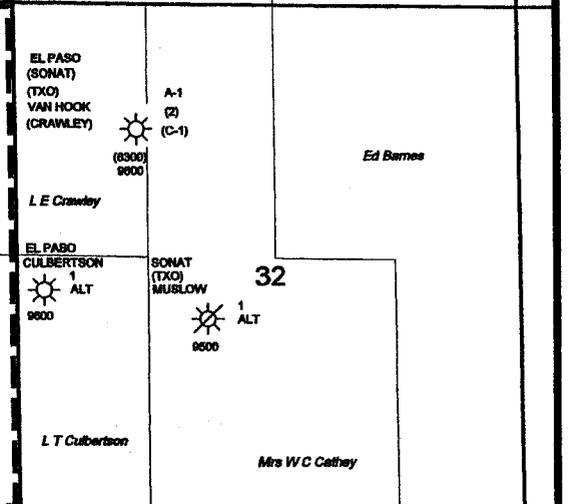
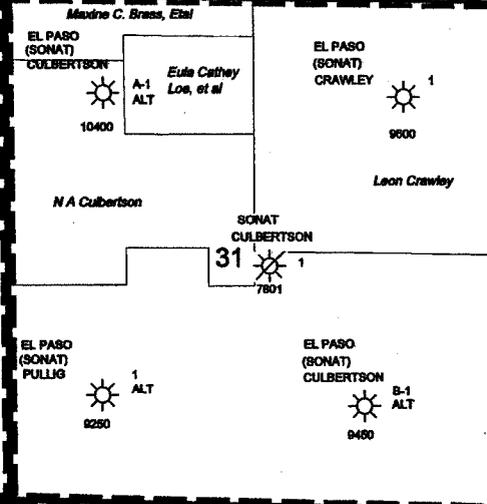
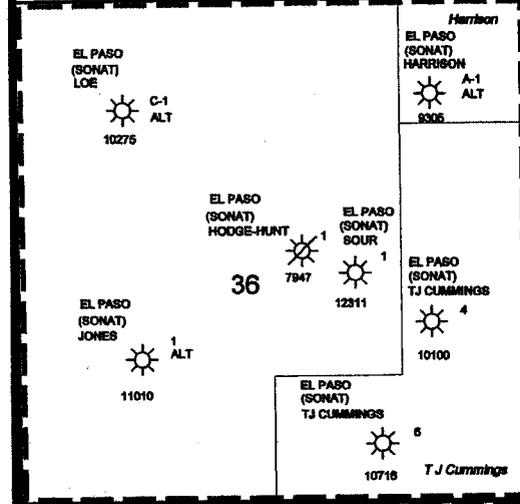
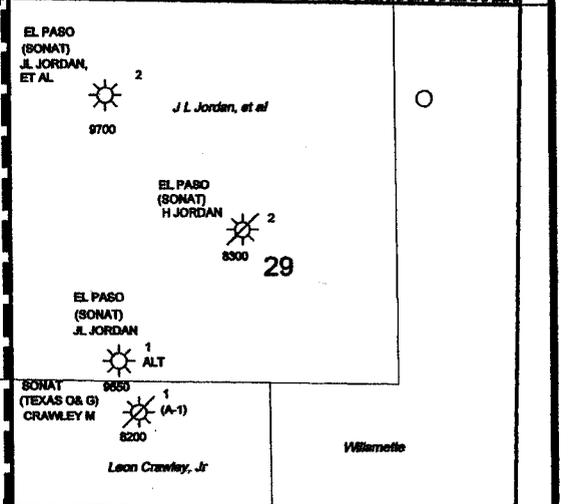
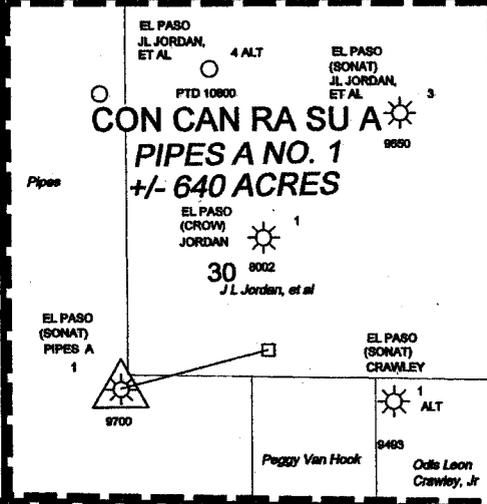
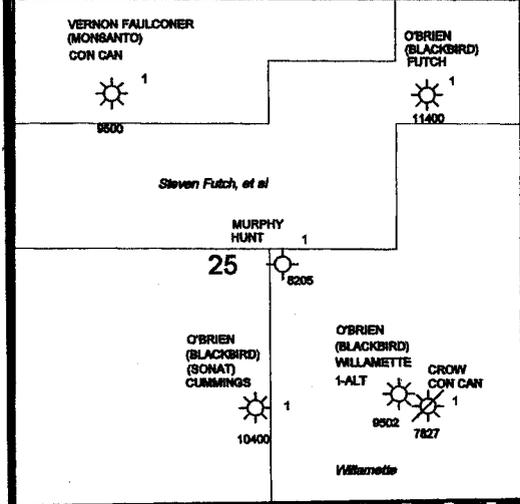
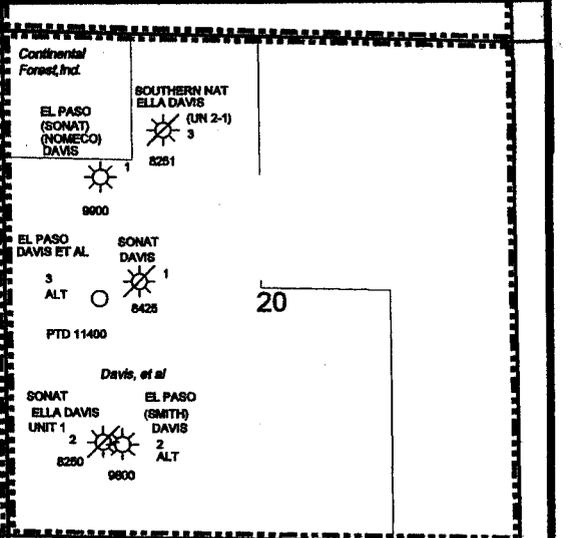
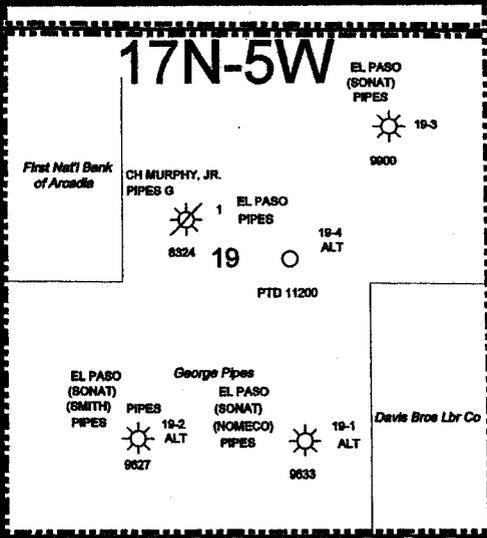
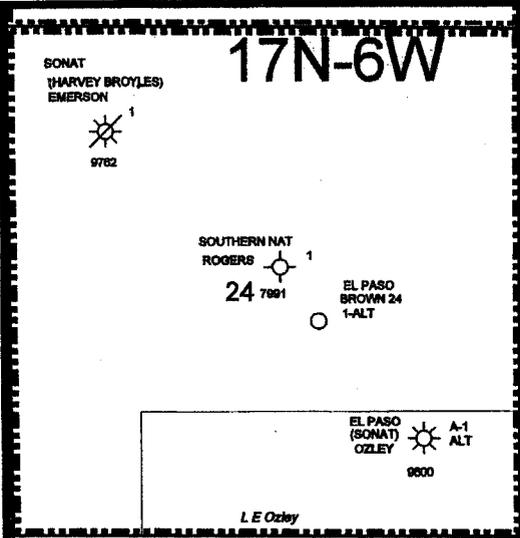


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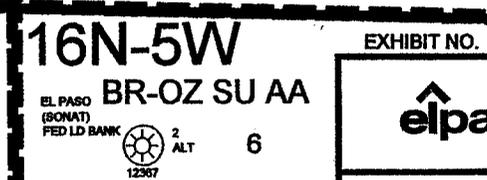
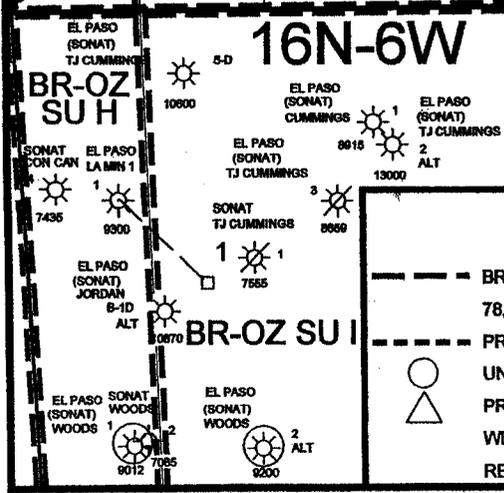
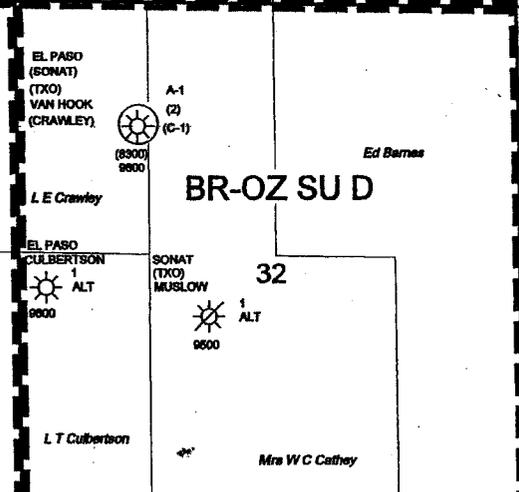
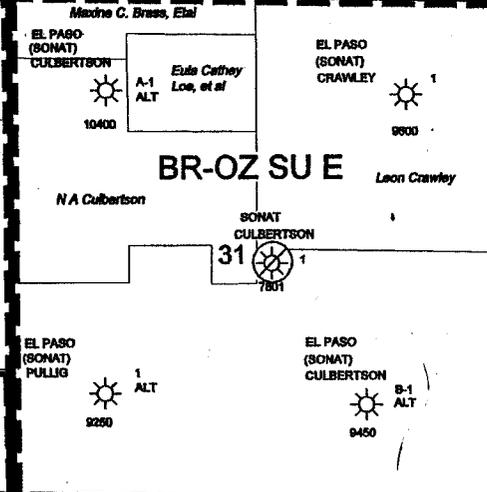
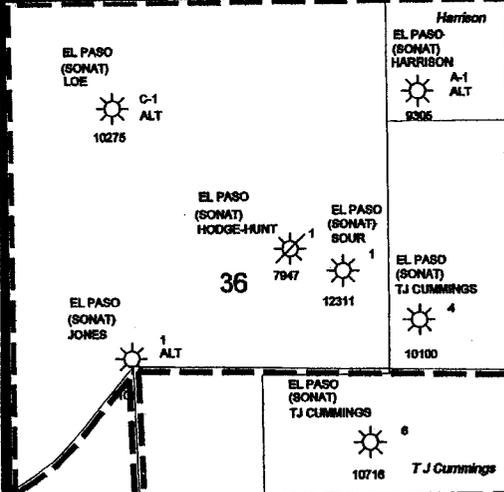
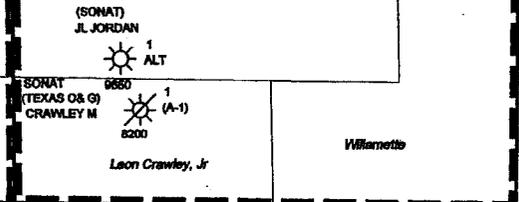
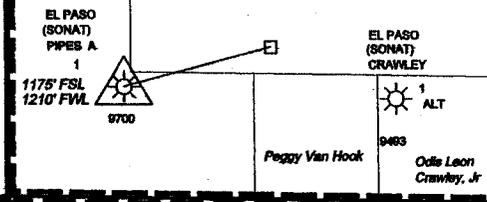
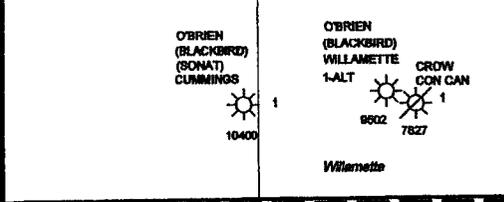
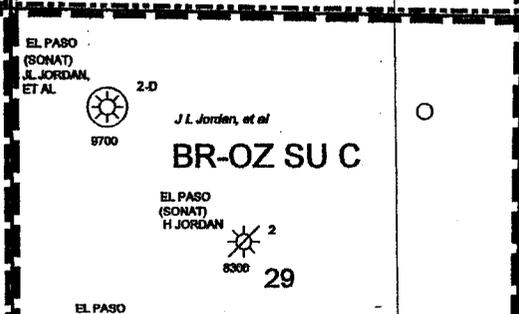
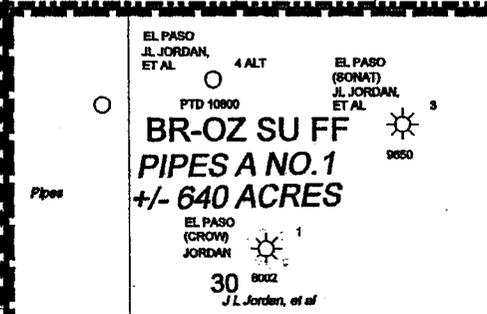
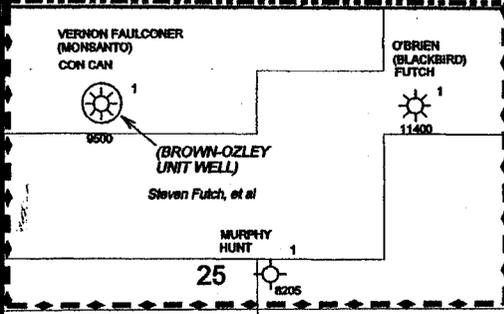
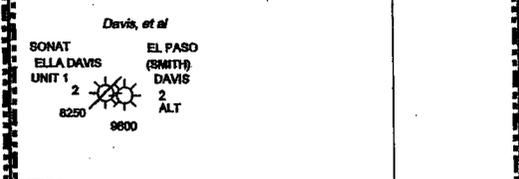
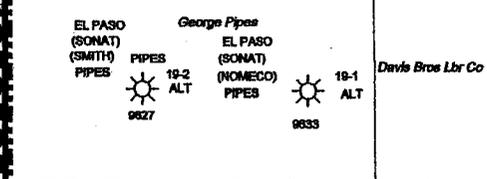
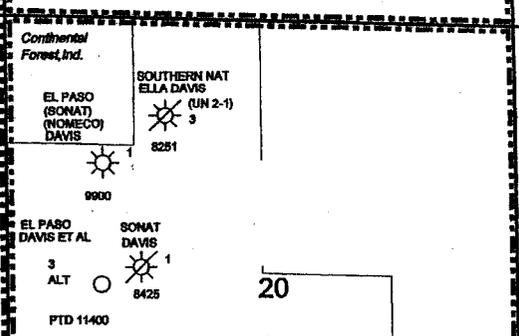
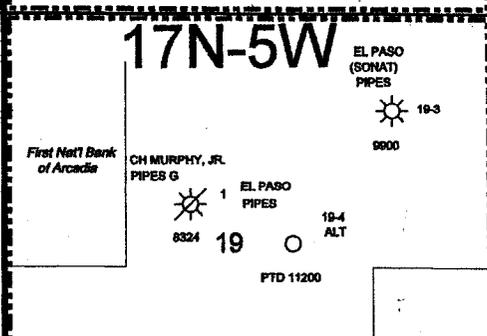
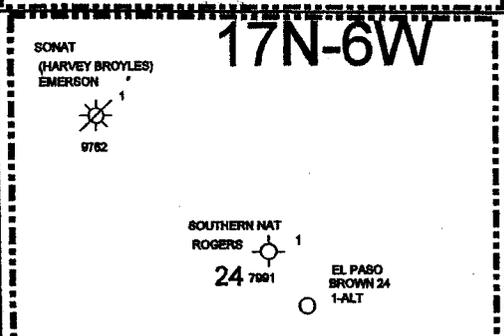
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### PROPOSED UNIT PLAT

## CONTINENTAL CAN SAND

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- BROWN-OZLEY UNITS, AS PER 78, 78-A, & 78-D SERIES OF ORDERS
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PROPOSED UNIT PLAT  
**BROWN-OZLEY SAND**

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**LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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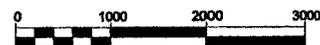
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