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Hon. James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A,
South Freshwater Bayou Field,
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Yuma Exploration & Production Company, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A, South Freshwater Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A, South Freshwater Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A designated as the CRIS A RA SU A, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify

reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A.

The Cristellaria A Zone, Reservoir A, South Freshwater Bayou Field, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 17,940' and 19,200' in the Humble Oil & Refining - Vermilion Parish School Board No. 1 Well located in Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and is hereby further defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone found between the depths of 13,040' and 15,090' in the Exxon Company-Exxon Fee H-3 Well located in Section 27, Township 16 South, Range 2 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled on October 14, 2004. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by the undersigned and turned over to David Comeaux, consulting geologist for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal and answered questions concerning same. Potential counterplans were presented by Holmes Smart on behalf of the McIlhenny family, Joe Adams on behalf of the Vermilion Parish School Board and Charles Smith on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation. These proposals differed from the applicant's in the configuration of the geographic boundaries, the orientation of the unit, and, in the case of the Vermilion Parish School Board plan, size. After further questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. The applicant will continue to try and resolve differences with all parties, but at this point it is expected that there will be opposition at the hearing.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of South Freshwater Bayou Field Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of South Freshwater Bayou Field Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70505-3922, (337) 233-9839.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the proposed unit in the South Freshwater Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, said list is being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager

