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Lafayette, Louisiana

January 15, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Office of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Unit F  
West Masters Creek Field  
Vernon Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY**, for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in West Masters Creek Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and drilling and production units were created for the exploration for and production of oil and gas by Office of Conservation Order No. 1408, as amended and supplemented by the 1408-A Series of Office of Conservation Orders, including the unit designated AUS C RA SUF:

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Swift Energy Company – Martin 23 No. 1 Well (Serial No. 228760) as alternate unit well for the AUS C RA SUF, in the West Masters Creek Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, said well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1408, effective December 11, 1996.
2. To find that this well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.
3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the existing unit well, and/or the proposed alternate unit well at the discretion of the operator.

4. Except to the extent herein set forth, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1408, as amended and supplemented by the 1408-A Series of Office of Conservation Orders, the units created thereby and all applicable Statewide Orders.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

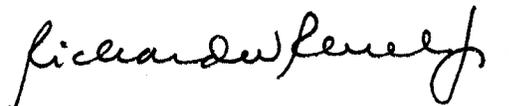
The Austin Chalk Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Masters Creek Field, Vernon Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1408, effective December 11, 1996.

The subject well was designated an alternate unit well at a legal location by Office of Conservation Order No. 1408-A-3, effective July 1, 2003. The applicant has recently discovered that small portions of both the north and south laterals are or will be located so as to require an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1408, as amended and supplemented by the 1408-A Series of Office of Conservation Orders. This well will permit efficient and economic recovery of hydrocarbons underlying the unit and is needed to satisfy the market demand for oil and gas from the field.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's proposal and a list of the names and addresses of the 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 of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



Richard W. Revels, Jr.

RWRjr/dbf  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation  
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

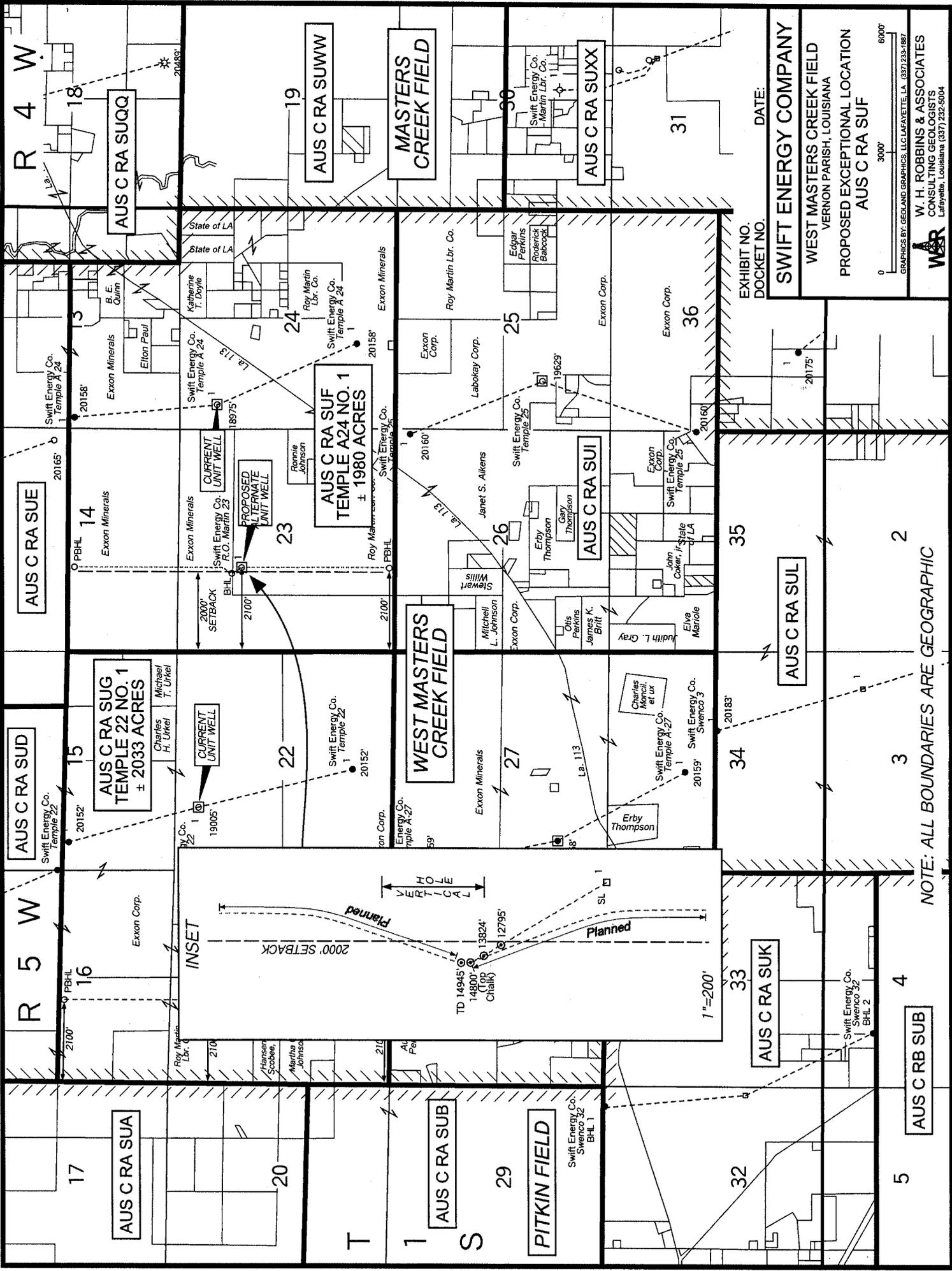


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**SWIFT ENERGY COMPANY**  
 WEST MASTERS CREEK FIELD  
 VERNON PARISH, LOUISIANA  
 PROPOSED EXCEPTIONAL LOCATION  
 AUS C RA SUF

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