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February 2, 2004

The Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
P.O. Box 94275 - Capitol Station  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING  
Marg A Sand, Reservoir A  
Sorrento Field  
Ascension Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Novus Louisiana, LLC 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 Marg A Sand, Reservoir A, in the Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were established and a single drilling and production unit was created for the exploration for and production of oil and gas by Office of Conservation Order No. 482-M effective July 16, 2002, such unit designated MA RA SUA.

1. To permit the applicant to drill, designate and utilize the Novus Louisiana, LLC – MA RA SUA; United Lands No. 1 Stk. Well as substitute unit well for the MA RA SUA shown on the plat attached hereto, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order no. 482-M and Statewide Order No. 29-E.
2. To find that the proposed substitute unit well at an exceptional location is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit in which it is situated which cannot be so drained by any existing well within such unit.
3. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to continue in full force and effect the provisions of the Office of Conservation No. 482-M, the unit created thereby, and applicable Statewide Orders.
4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

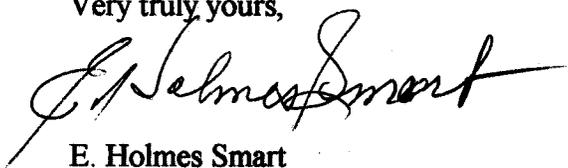
The Marg A Sand, Reservoir A, in the Sorrento Field, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 482-M effective July 16, 2002.

The existing unit well, the Novus Louisiana, LLC (Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, LP) No. 1 United Lands for the Marg A RA SUA has become incapable of commercial production. Therefore, the applicant is requesting permission to drill, designate and utilize its Novus Louisiana, LLC - MA RA SUA; United Lands No. 1 Stk. Well as substitute unit well for the MA RA SUA, in exception to the spacing provisions of the Office of Conservation Order 482-M and Statewide Order No. 29-E.

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 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 address of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties, and Represented Parties.

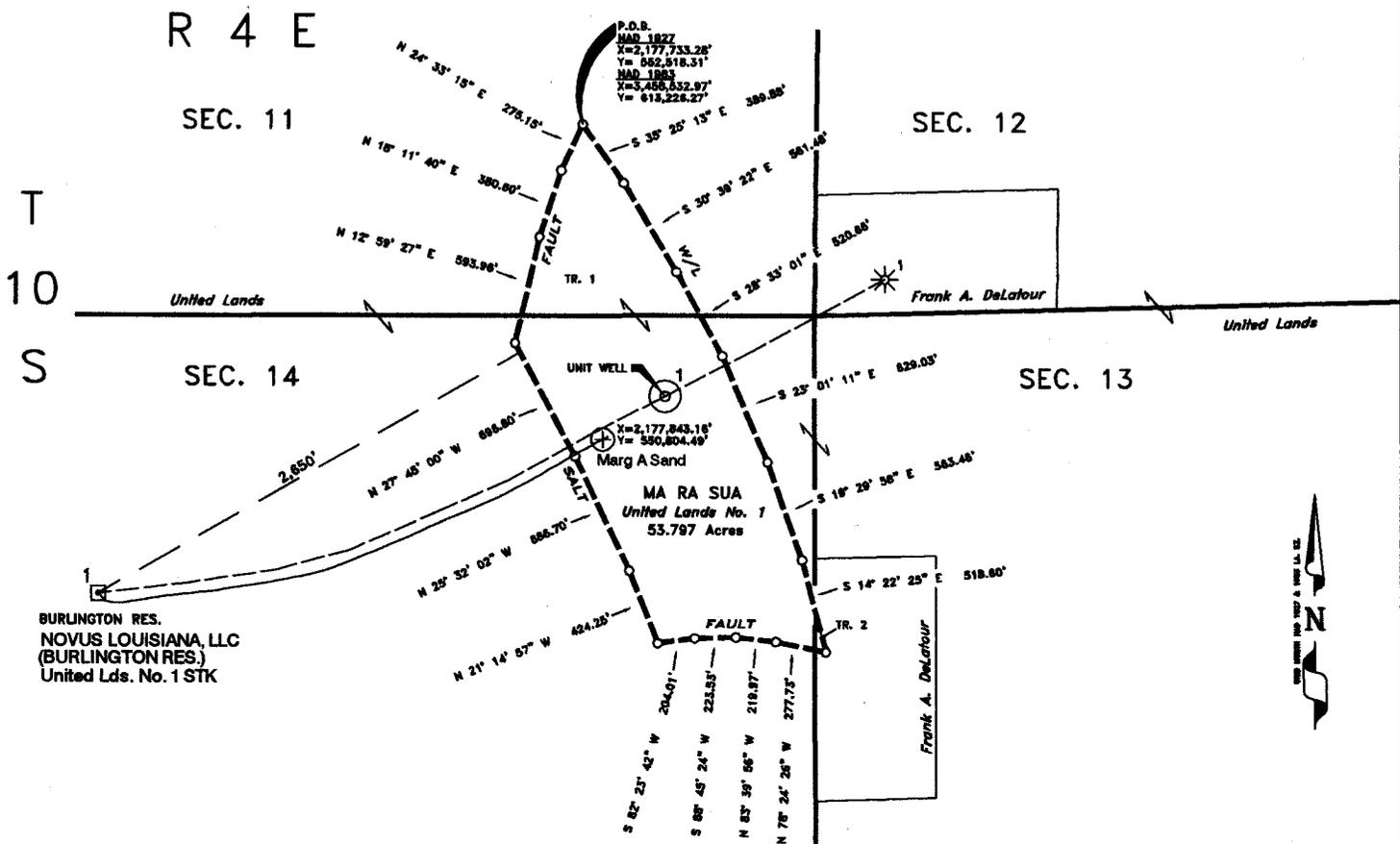
Finally, enclosed is our check of behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



E. Holmes Smart  
EHS/hjs  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson                      Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
District Manager                              and Interested Parties  
Office of Conservation  
P.O. Box 51285  
Lafayette, LA 70505



BURLINGTON RES.  
 NOVUS LOUISIANA, LLC  
 (BURLINGTON RES.)  
 United Lds. No. 1 STK

TR. NO.	PARTICIPANT	ACREAGE	PERCENTAGE
1	UNITED LANDS	53.650	99.72675
2	FRANK A. DELATOUR	0.147	0.27325
TOTALS :		53.797	100.00000

EXHIBIT NO.  
 DOCKET NO.

**NOVUS LOUISIANA, LLC**

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**SORRENTO FIELD**  
 ASCENSION PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL  
 UNITED LDS. No. 1, STK  
**MA RA SUA**

0'                      1000'                      2000'

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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