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Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, KINGSTON  
FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kingston Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the drilling and production unit designated CV RA SUP, created for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat.
2. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kingston Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 376-C, effective May 2, 1978.

Applicant is filing a companion application to unitize the lands covered by CV RA SUP as a part of the Holly Field on a unit basis which is identical in area to CV RA SUP.

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 wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. 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 pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated January 12, 2004, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters and a pre-

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application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was thereafter held beginning at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on February 2, 2004, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Attached is a list of the names and addresses of those persons present at the conference.

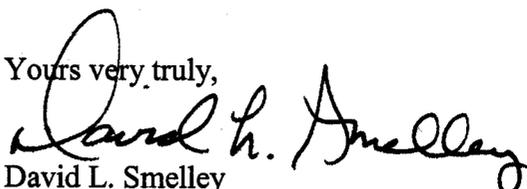
The purpose of the conference was explained as well as the bases for Applicant's proposals by sufficient data and detail for those present at the conference to have a reasonable opportunity to discuss the proposals and attempt to resolve any differences in good faith. Following Applicant's presentation, there was a general question and answer period concerning the proposals of Applicant. No opposition was expressed to the proposals of Applicant. Thereafter, the conference was adjourned.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining the unit which Applicant proposes to dissolve, which plat is identical to that 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 the enclosed plat 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 Kingston 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

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DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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