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February 20, 2004

Hon. James H. Welsh (2)
Commissioner of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Robulus 5 Sand, Reservoir C
Bayou Sale Field,
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order covering the following matters pertaining to the Rob 5 Sand, Reservoir C, Bayou Sale Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rob 5 Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bayou Sale Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana and create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 123 acres.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit set forth in No. 1 hereinabove with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit set forth in No. 1 hereinabove.
4. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of 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 the Commissioner may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

The Rob 5 Sand, Bayou Sale Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Order No. 87-Z effective October 1, 1965 and is hereby further defined as that gas and condensate bearing sand found between the depths of 12,313' and 12,401', measured depth, in the ExxonMobil (formerly Humble Oil & Refining Company) M. Wooster "B" No. 28 well located in Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 9 East, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 19, 2004. Enclosed is a list of the names and addresses of the attendees at the conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. Elliotte M. Harold, Jr. who explained the purpose of the conference and the gist of applicant's proposal. Mr. Charles G. Smith, consulting geologist, announced that the reservoir designation had been changed from "B" as shown in the pre-application notice to "C". He described the geological and other bases of the proposal and answered questions. No counterplan was presented and no opposition is expected at the hearing.

Attached hereto is a plat showing the proposed unit with the change of reservoir designation and a list of the names and addresses of interested owners, represented parties, and all interested parties to whom copies of this application is being sent. In accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, a copy of this list is not being sent to each individual but a copy of the list will be furnished upon request to anyone receiving this notice. A reasonable effort has been made to obtain a complete list.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; (225)767-2240.

Enclosed herewith in payment of the application fee is our check for \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation

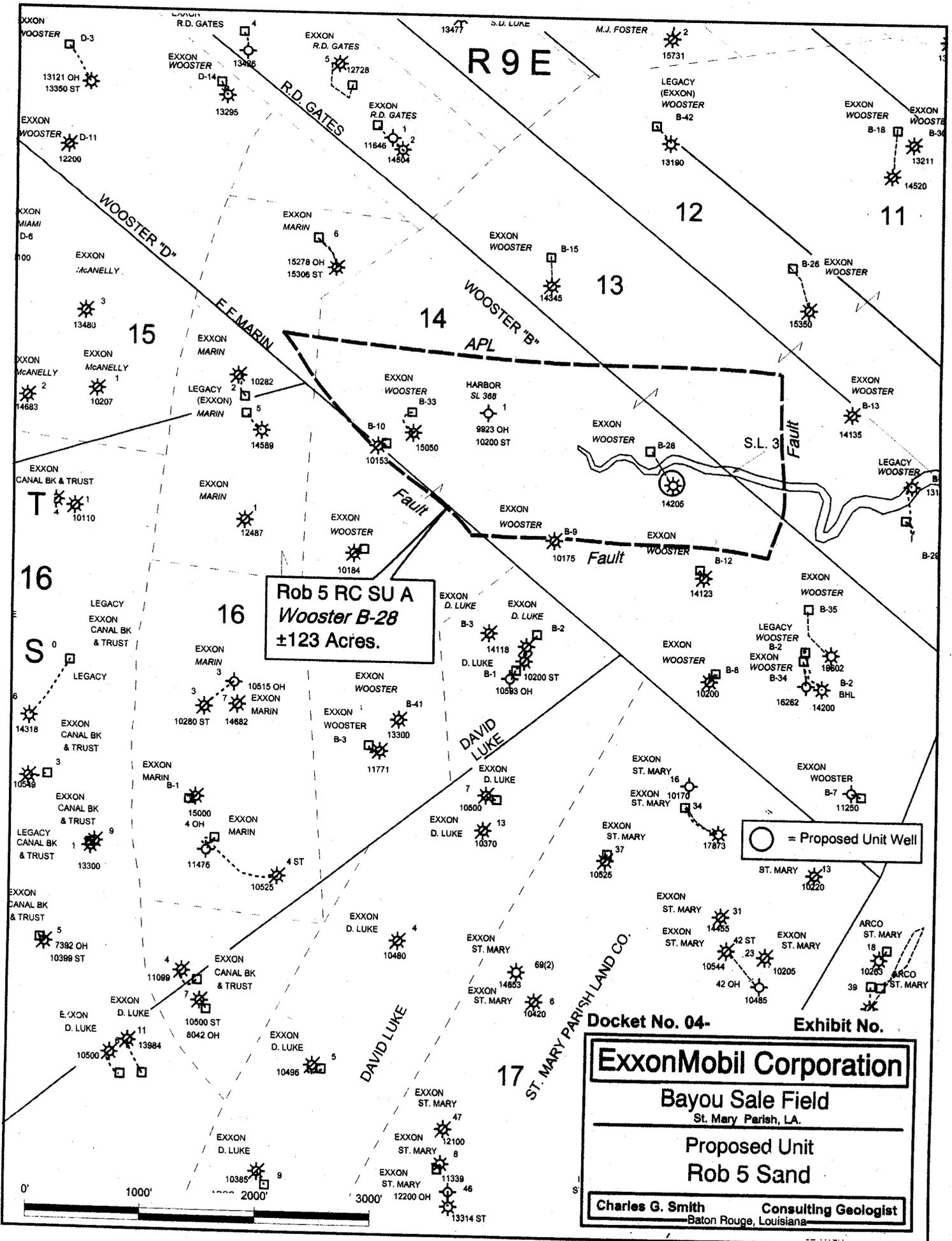
Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS & BATES, L.L.P.


Elliotte M. Harold, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager
Interested Parties
Interested Owners
Represented Parties
Conference Attendees



Rob 5 RC SU A
Wooster B-28
 ±123 Acres.

○ = Proposed Unit Well

Docket No. 04- Exhibit No.

ExxonMobil Corporation
 Bayou Sale Field
 St. Mary Parish, LA.

Proposed Unit
Rob 5 Sand

Charles G. Smith Consulting Geologist
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana