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May 24, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir
A, BEAR CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an additional alternate unit well for HOSS B RA SUY and for HOSS C RA SUN at the location shown on the attached plats.

2. To approve an exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971 (applicable to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A), and of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980 (applicable to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A), for the proposed well.

3. To find that drilling, designation and use of the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS B RA SUY and HOSS C RA SUN which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.

4. To permit the Operator of HOSS C RA SUN to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q-8, effective July 6, 1982.

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The Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980.

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 desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis 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.

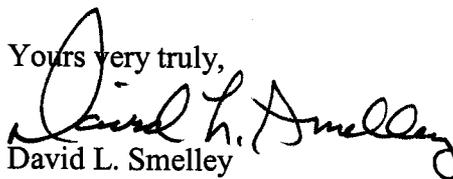
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the two (2) attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plats, 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 Bear Creek 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.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

17N - 6W

**HOSS B SU K
(WEST BRYCELAND)**
28

**HOSS B SU K
(BRYCELAND)**
27

**HOSS B SU B
(BRYCELAND)**
26

HOSS B RA SU S

HOSS B RA SU Y

HOSS B RA SU A

HOSS B RA SU F

HOSS B RA SU Z

HOSS B RA SU B

HOSS B RA SU E

HOSS B RA SU AA

HOSS B RA SU U

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LEGEND

- HOSS B, RESERVOIR A, UNITS AS PER 78-Q SERIES OF ORDERS
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- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
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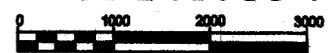
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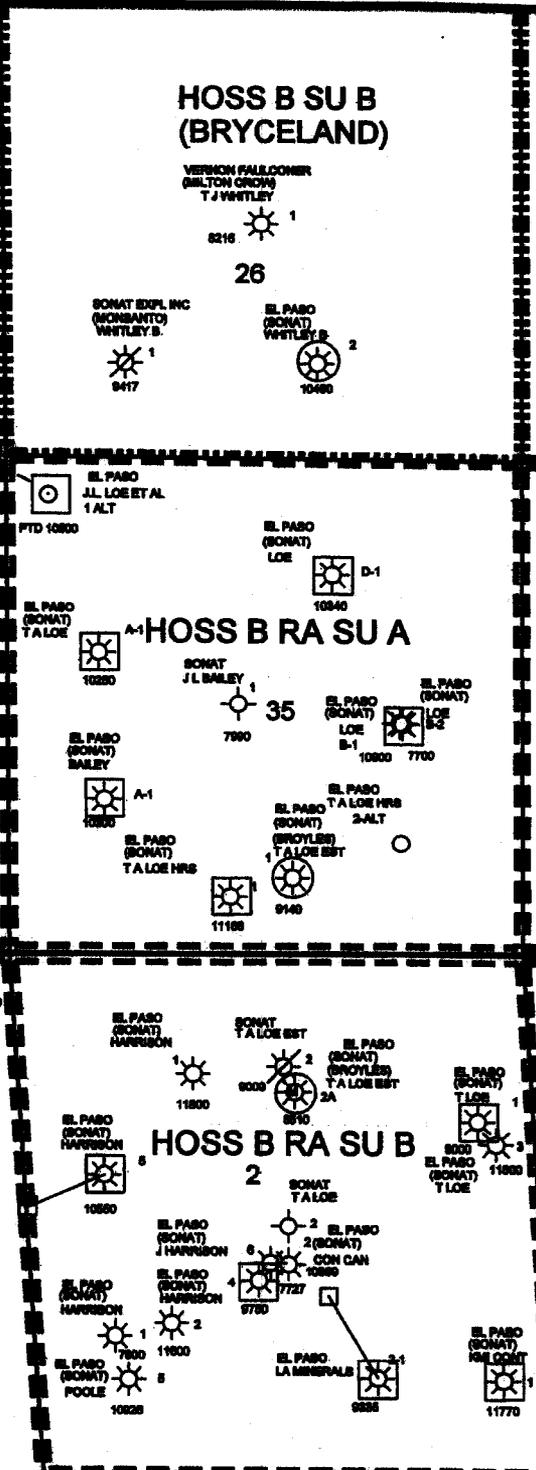
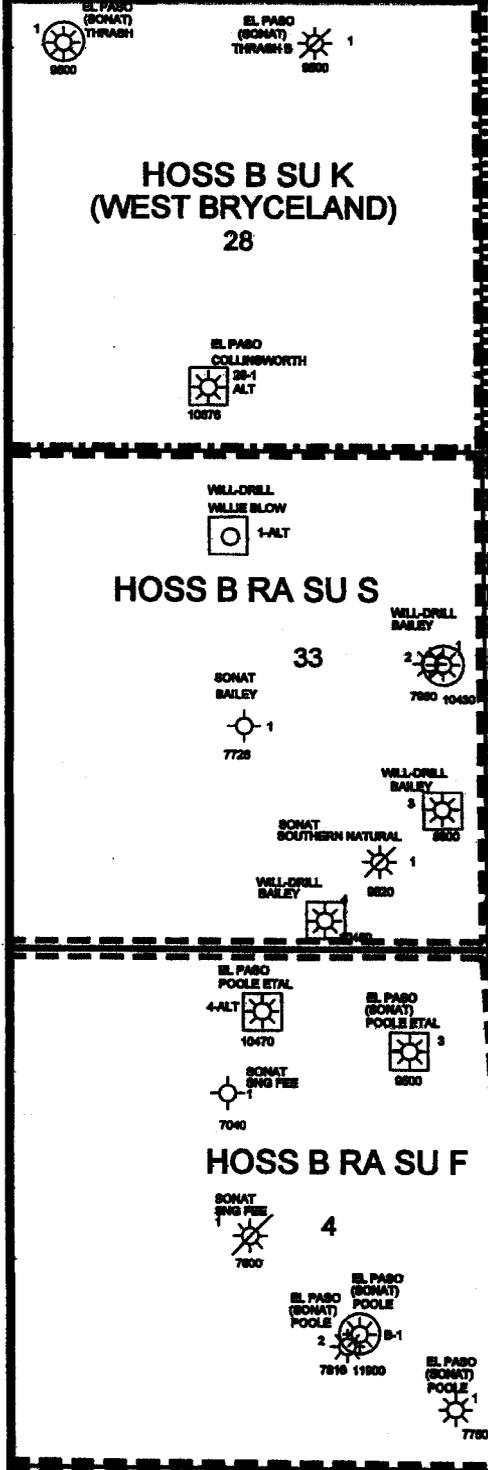
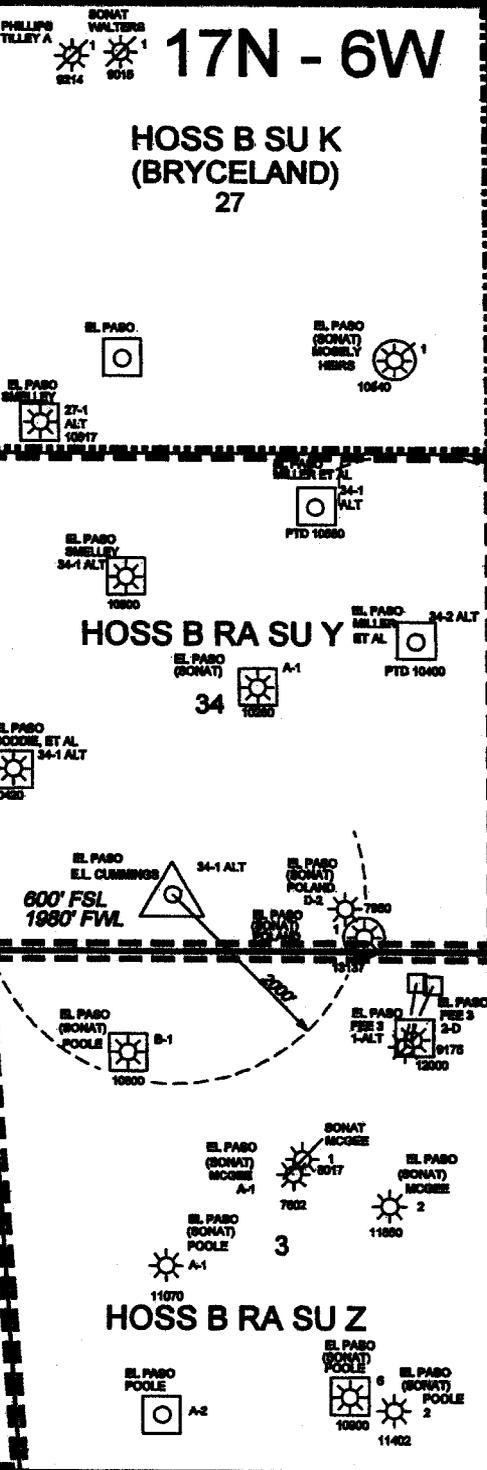
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BEAR CREEK FIELD
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS B RA SU Y



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HOSS C SU K (BRYCELAND) 27

HOSS C RA SU M (BRYCELAND)

VERNON FALCONER
(MILTON CROSS)
T J WHITLEY

26

HOSS B SU K (WEST BRYCELAND) 28

EL PASO
COLLINSWORTH
28-1
ALT
10576

EL PASO
SMELLEY
27-1
ALT
10517

EL PASO
(SONAT) MOSELEY
HERS
10540

SONAT EXPL. INC.
(MORRANTO)
WHITLEY B
9417

EL PASO
(SONAT) WHITLEY B
10480

HOSS C RA SU V

WILL-ORILL
WILLES BLOW
1-ALT

HOSS C RA SU N

EL PASO
SMELLEY
34-1 ALT
10620

WILLER ET AL
34-1
ALT
PTD 10650

EL PASO
J.L. LOE ET AL
1 ALT
PTD 10680

EL PASO
(SONAT)
LOE
D-1
10540

HOSS C RA SU F

SONAT
BAILEY
1
7720

EL PASO
(SONAT)
A-1
10230

EL PASO
(SONAT)
T A LOE
10200

SONAT
J.L. BAILEY
1
7800

EL PASO
(SONAT)
LOE
B-1
10800 7700

SONAT
SOUTHERN NATURAL
1
8800

EL PASO
E.L. CUMMINGS
34-1 ALT
10220

EL PASO
(SONAT) POLAND
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T A LOE HRS
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POOLE ET AL
4-ALT
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J HARRISON
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CON CAN
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WILL-ORILL
LA MINERALS B
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(SONAT)
CON CAN
B-2
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EL PASO
(SONAT)
FEDERAL LAND
A-1
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HOSS C RA SU M

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HOSS C RA SU R

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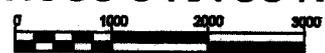
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