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May 27, 2004

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

Re: MT RC SUA, South Jennings Field, Jefferson  
Davis Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Noble Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Marginulina Texana Sand, Reservoir C, South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marginulina Texana Sand, Reservoir C, South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Marginulina Texana Sand, Reservoir C designated as the MT RC SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;

5. To designate the Riceland Petroleum Company - Hollier 9 No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of a 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;
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Marginulina Texana Sand, Reservoir C.

The Marginulina Texana Sand, Reservoir C, in the South Jennings Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 12,054 feet and 12,150 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Riceland Petroleum Company - Hollier 9 No. 1 Well located in Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held as scheduled. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. Travis Helms of Cutright & Hardwick, consulting geologist for the applicant, discussed the bases of the applicant's proposal. Counterplans were presented by Mr. Stan Warburton on behalf of Walker Louisiana Properties and Mr. Dick House, representing himself. After a period of questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. After further discussions following the pre-application conference, the applicant has agreed to revise its unit proposal by moving a portion of the northern boundary to the south, resulting in a proposed unit of approximately 230 acres. As a result of this compromise, it is believed that there will be no opposition at the hearing. Should any party wish to confer concerning the applicant's revised unit proposal, please contact the undersigned and a pre-hearing conference will be scheduled and all parties notified thereof.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of South Jennings Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of South Jennings Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

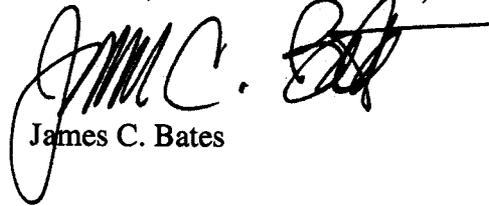
All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

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Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the revised proposed MT RC SUA in the South Jennings Field, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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



James C. Bates

JCB/cmf  
enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties

PEL-TEX  
ARNAUDET  
1  
11834

Martin L.  
Arnaudex, et al

DAVIS  
HOUSIERE  
1  
1

Mrs. Henrietta Evans, et al

LYNAL  
HOLLIER  
1  
1

Bert Gage

Alex Roy  
John A. Graves

R-3-W

DAVIS  
WALKER  
1  
10634

KENMORE  
WALKER  
1  
9419  
SUN  
WALKER  
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MT RC SUA  
HOLLIER No. 9-1  
± 230 ACRES

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REMAE  
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Lawrence Hollier

RICELAND  
HOLLIER  
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FONTENOT  
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LINDER  
FONTENOT  
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13261

HALBOUY  
FONTENOT  
1  
12800

LAVINO  
CASSIDY  
2  
13429

Isaac Fontenot

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FONTENOT  
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WALKER  
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CALC. NAT'L BK  
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W. E. Walker

Chas E. Britt

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EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO. DATE:

NOBLE ENERGY, INC.

SOUTH JENNINGS FIELD  
JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
MARG TEX SAND

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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC