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June 10, 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 Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; CASPIANA FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING 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 Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize six (6) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUS and four (4) additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUS, at the locations shown on the attached plats.
2. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SUS, and a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUS, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on these units.
3. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, with production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the wellbore of any existing or future wells located on HOSS RA SUS and CV RA SUS in which the interests in these units are identical.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party. Any questions related to the location of any of the proposed wells should be directed to Mr. John Mahan at J-W Operating Company (972) 233-8191.

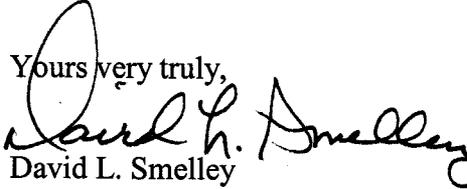
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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 each of the attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and 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 Caspiana Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

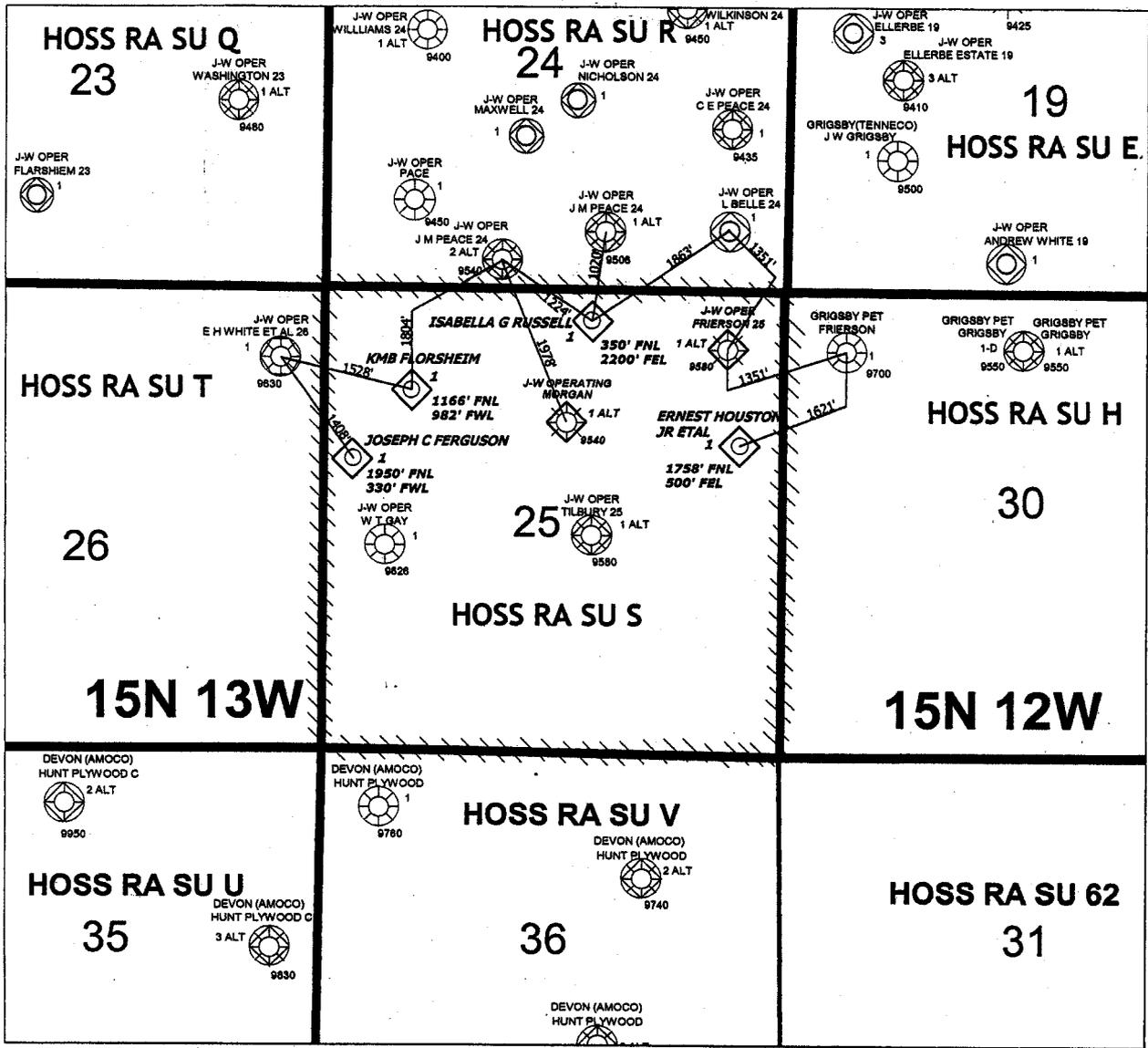
Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



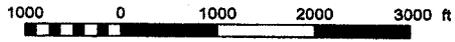
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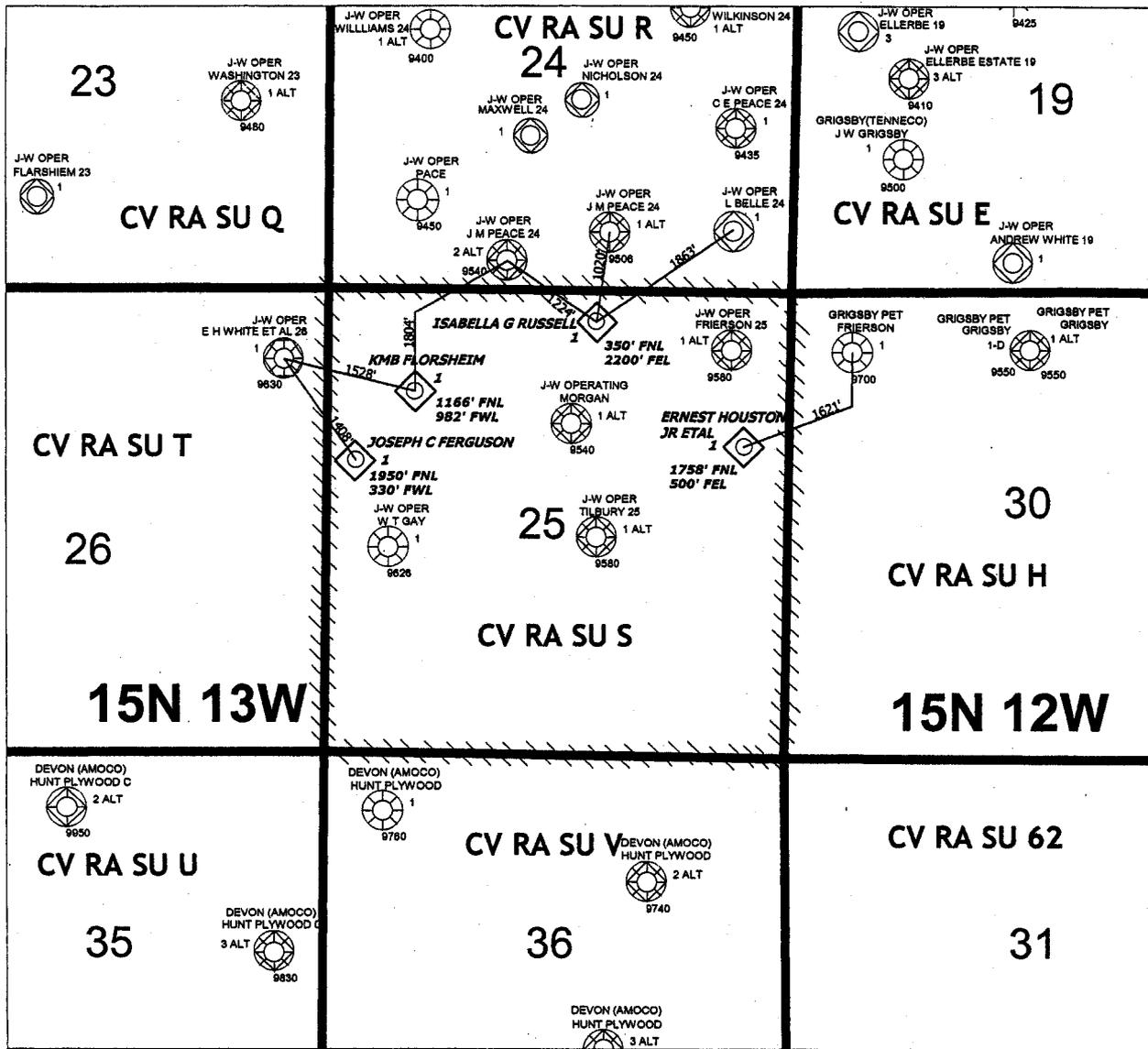
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Unit Plat - Hosston Zone
Reservoir "A" Elm Grove Field
De Soto Parish, Louisiana

Date:	Witness: Joe Adams	Docket No.
Exhibit 1	Scale: 1" = 2000'	04-??





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**Unit Plat – Cotton Valley Zone
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