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July 21, 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.

Paluxy Zone, Reservoir A, BETHANY-  
LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BRIDAS ENERGY USA, INC. ("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 Paluxy Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Mary Belle Smith No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for P SU 70 at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-H, effective December 1, 1973.
2. To find that designation and use of the Bidas Energy USA, Inc.--Mary Belle Smith No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for P SU 70 is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Paluxy Zone, Reservoir A, underlying P SU 70 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of P SU 70.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Paluxy Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-H, effective December 1, 1973.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing 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 Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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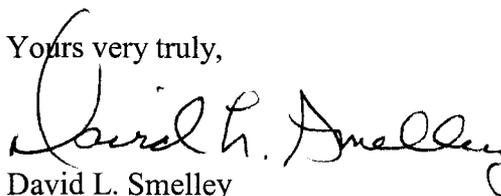
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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 attached plat, 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 as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of 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 Bethany-Longstreet 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, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Bridas Energy USA, Inc.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Jerry Loyd (w/encls.)  
Ms. Linda McGowen (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

**T-13-N, R-15-W**

P SU X  
JEEMS BAYOU PROD  
MARTIN TIMBER CO F

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P SU AA  
R 15 W

P SU DD

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BRIDAS ENERGY  
BRIAN LEWIS et al

P SU GG  
BRIDAS ENERGY  
KAY SCHMIDT

P SU JJ  
DE SOTO GAS  
PSU JJ N GAMBLE

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P SU MM

P SU Y

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P SU BB

TEAL PET.  
WH MASON  
MONTE CARLO  
WH MASON  
NELSON ENERGY  
(MAY) WILSON

P SU EE

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BRIDAS ENERGY  
J. B. BARR  
BRIDAS ENERGY  
ADOLLE THOMAS 28

P SU HH

P SU KK

BRIDAS ENERGY  
SAMPSON EST. 33

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P SU NN  
BRIDAS ENERGY  
LEON GAMBLE 33

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PXY RA SU Q  
(NGC)

741' FNL  
671' FWL

P SU 70

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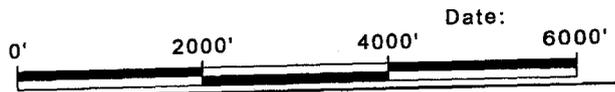
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**LEGEND**

- BETHANY LONGSTREET PALUXY UNITS AS PER 289-H SERIES OF ORDERS
- NORTH GRAND CANE PALUXY UNITS AS PER 855-A SERIES OF ORDERS
- - UNIT WELL
- △ - PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- ◻ - PENDING UNIT WELL

EXHIBIT No. DOCKET No. 04-  
**BRIDAS ENERGY USA, INC.**

**Bethany-Longstreet Field**  
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA  
Proposed Substitute Unit Well Plat  
**Paluxy Zone**



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.