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Ref: 3032-19817

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A
WRIGHT FIELD
Vermilion Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Murphy Exploration & Production
Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Murphy Exploration & Production Company** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, SUE in the Wright Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 710 acres each for the Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the MT RA SUE, Wright Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A, in the Wright Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Series of Order Nos. 991-E-7.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application

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conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on August 23, 2004. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. B. J. Duplantis. Mr. Louis Gilbert of Louis Gilbert & Associates presented the plan of applicant. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Travis Helms on behalf of Elizabeth Miller presented a geographic plan of 710 acres with different northern and southern boundary lines than the applicant. Mr. Randy Songy on behalf of Dominion E & P, Inc. indicated he may file a counterplan. It is anticipated that there may be opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the Marg Tex Zone, RA SUE, Wright Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, LA 70002-7216 (504) 834-8112.

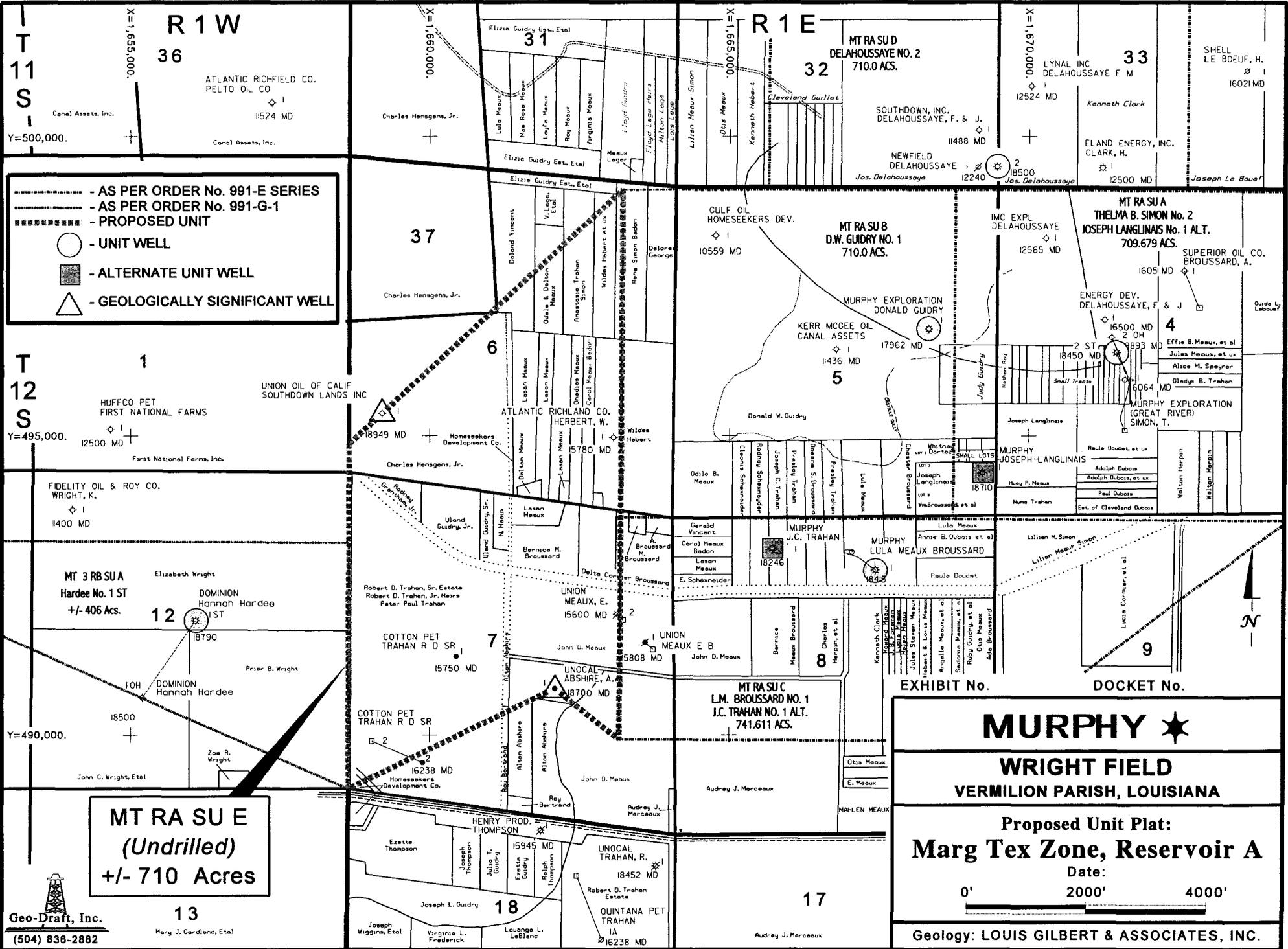
Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments
cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties on attendance lists



- AS PER ORDER No. 991-E SERIES
- AS PER ORDER No. 991-G-1
- PROPOSED UNIT
- - UNIT WELL
- - ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ - GEOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT WELL

MT RA SU E
 (Undrilled)
 +/- 710 Acres

EXHIBIT No. **MURPHY** ★
 DOCKET No. **WRIGHT FIELD**
VERMILION PARISH, LOUISIANA

Proposed Unit Plat:
Marg Tex Zone, Reservoir A

Date: _____

0' 2000' 4000'

Geology: LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.