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Re: Amphistegina B Zone, Reservoir B
10,000' Zone, Reservoir A
North St. Rose Field
St. Charles Parish, Louisiana

Application is hereby made on behalf of **APACHE CORPORATION** for the calling of public hearings, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Amphistegina ("Amph") B Zone, Reservoir B, and the 10,000' Zone, Reservoir A, all in the North St. Rose Field, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Amph B Zone, Reservoir B, and from the 10,000' Zone, Reservoir A, in the North St. Rose Field, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, said units to be designated AMPH B RB SUA and 10000 RA SUA, all as shown on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Apache Corporation as operator of each of the proposed units.
4. To designate its Koch Gateway Pipeline Co. No. 1 Well as unit well for each of the proposed units.
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to each of the proposed zones and reservoirs should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).

6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify each of the proposed zones and reservoirs by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

7. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Amphistegina B Zone, Reservoir B, in the North St. Rose Field, is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,118 feet and 9,270 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Apache Corporation – Koch Gateway Pipeline Co. No. 1 Well, located in Section 41, Township 13 South, Range 9 East, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

The 10,000' Zone, Reservoir A, in the North St. Rose Field, is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,024 feet and 10,410 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Apache Corporation – Koch Gateway Pipeline Co. No. 1 Well, located in Section 41, Township 13 South, Range 9 East, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

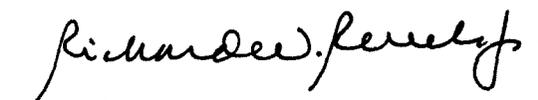
Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone No. 337/232-5004.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on September 15, 2004, in Lafayette, Louisiana. Representatives of the applicant were the only parties in attendance. The conference was opened and closed with no discussion. A revised plat showing the correct reservoir designation for the proposed AMPH B RB SUA (rather than AMPH B RA SUA) is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the applicant's proposal, the conference attendance list, and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$1,510.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


Richard W. Revels, Jr.

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Attachments
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation
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