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January 20, 2005

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, KINGSTON FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("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 Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Kingston Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. 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 all existing and future wells located on the units designated HOSS RA SUM and CV RA SUM, said units being shown on the attached plat, in which the interests in these units is identical.
2. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in Kingston Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 376-B, effective May 2, 1978. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in Kingston Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 376-C, effective May 2, 1978.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, New Orleans, 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 data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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.

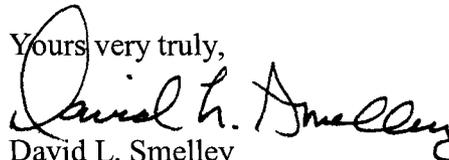
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Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached 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 the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

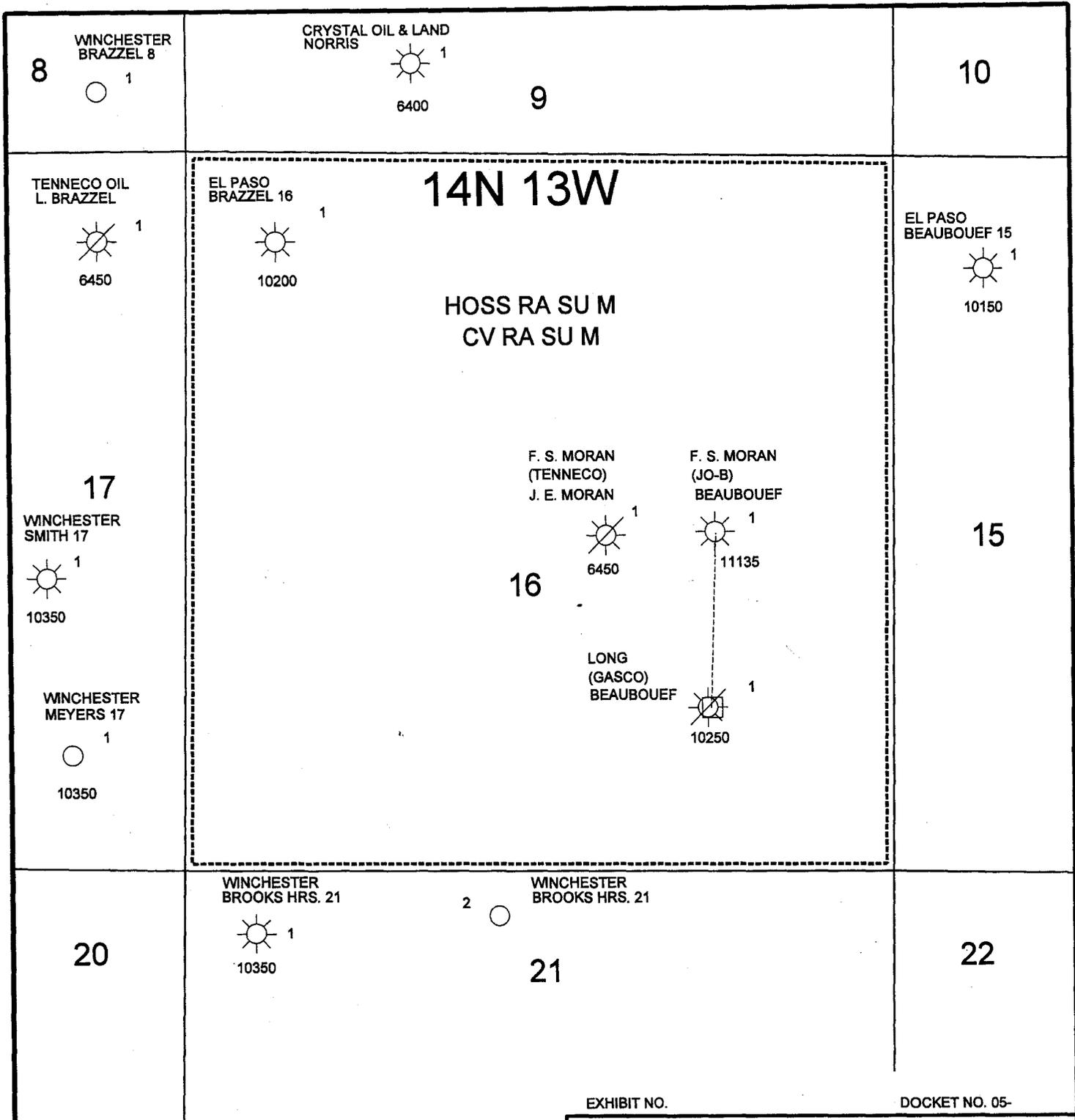
Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Kingston Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of 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.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures
cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



LEGEND

----- HOSS RA SU M, APO 376-B,
EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 1978

----- CV RA SU M, APO 376-C,
EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 1978

WELLS 6000' AND SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO. _____ DOCKET NO. 05- _____

el paso Production Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

KINGSTON FIELD
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED DOWNHOLE COMBINATION PLAT
HOSS RA SU M & CV RA SU M

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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.