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Honorable James H. Welsh
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RE: Hearing Application
Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A
Lower Paluxy B Zone
James Lime, Reservoir B
Minden Field
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Our File No.: 360135.0025

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation, notice is hereby given that O'BRIEN ENERGY COMPANY intends to make application to the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the following matters relating to the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, the Lower Paluxy B Zone, and the James Lime, Reservoir B, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A ("L PXY A RA SUE"), the Lower Paluxy B Zone ("L PXY B SUF"), and the James Lime, Reservoir B ("JA L RB SUB") in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plats attached hereto;
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said units, with allocation of production from each unit well to the tracts within the unit therefor to be on the basis of surface acreage.
3. To designate O'Brien Energy Company as the operator of the proposed L PXY A RA SUE, L PXY B SUF and JA L RB SUB.
4. To designate the O'Brien Energy Company - H. C. Cox Heirs No. 2 Well, at the location shown on the attached plats, as the unit well for the proposed L PXY A RA SUE, L PXY B SUF and JA L RB SUB.
5. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Lower Paluxy A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish Louisiana, fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 457-G-2, effective April 2, 2002.

The Lower Paluxy B Zone, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, were fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 457-K, effective March 16, 1961.

The James Lime, Reservoir B, in the Minden Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Louisiana Office of Conservation Order No. 457-A-10, effective July 8, 1986.

Pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of O'Brien Energy Company, 5925 Line Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Alan Brittain at (318) 865-8568, during normal business hours, or write Mr. Brittain at the above address in order to arrange a time and date for such inspection. Copies of such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto and a copy of this application, with the attached plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons required by the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant will also arrange for mailing, posting and publication of the legal notice of this hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

By Pre-Application Notice dated January 11, 2005, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

A check in the amount of \$2,265.00 payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: _____



Wm. Timothy Allen III

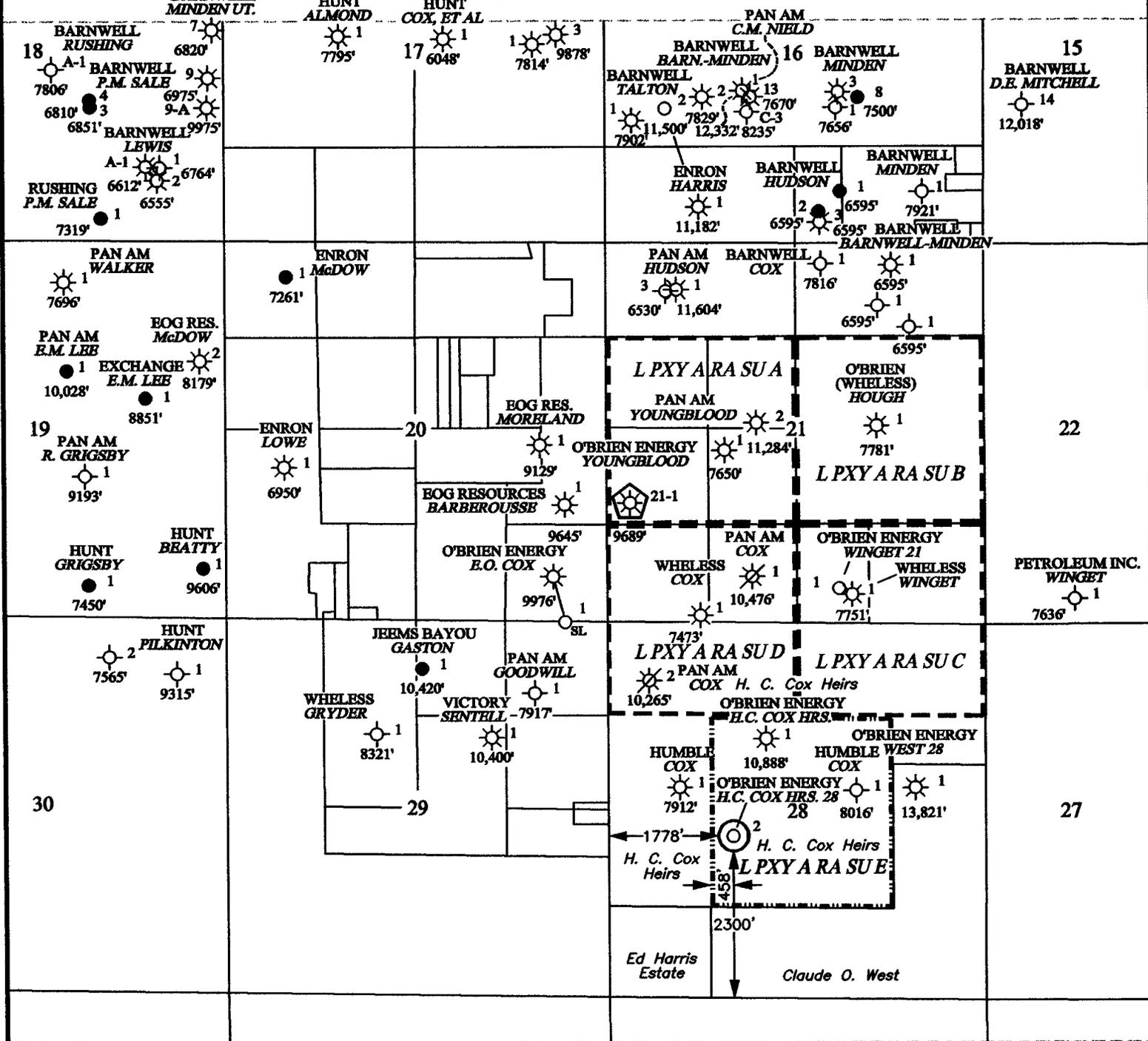
Attorneys for O'Brien Energy Company

WTAIH:bp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, District Manager
Office of Conservation, Shreveport, La. (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

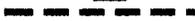
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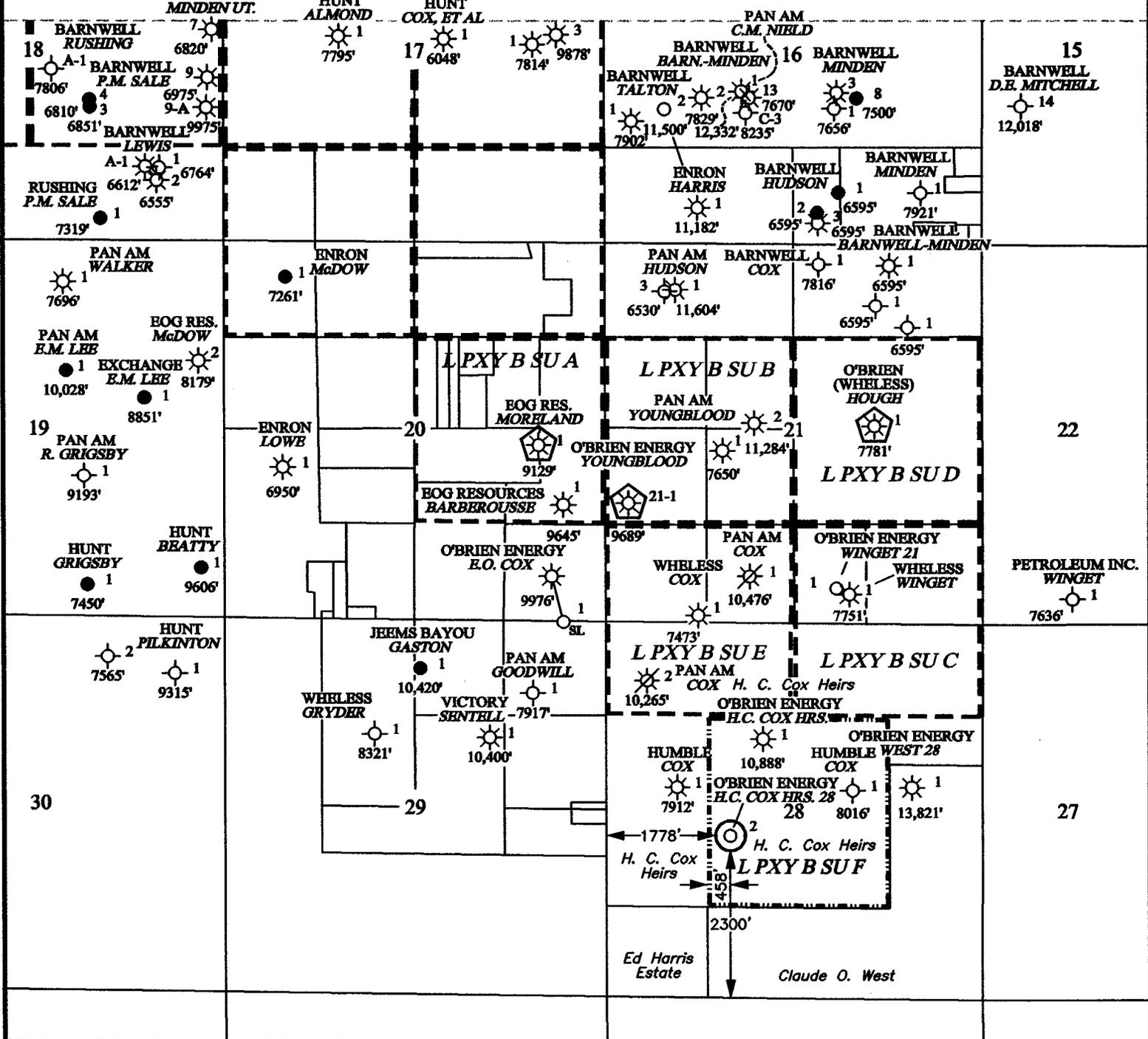
MINDEN FIELD WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT FOR LOWER PALUXY A RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS

-  : EXISTING LOWER PALUXY A RESERVOIR A UNIT WELLS
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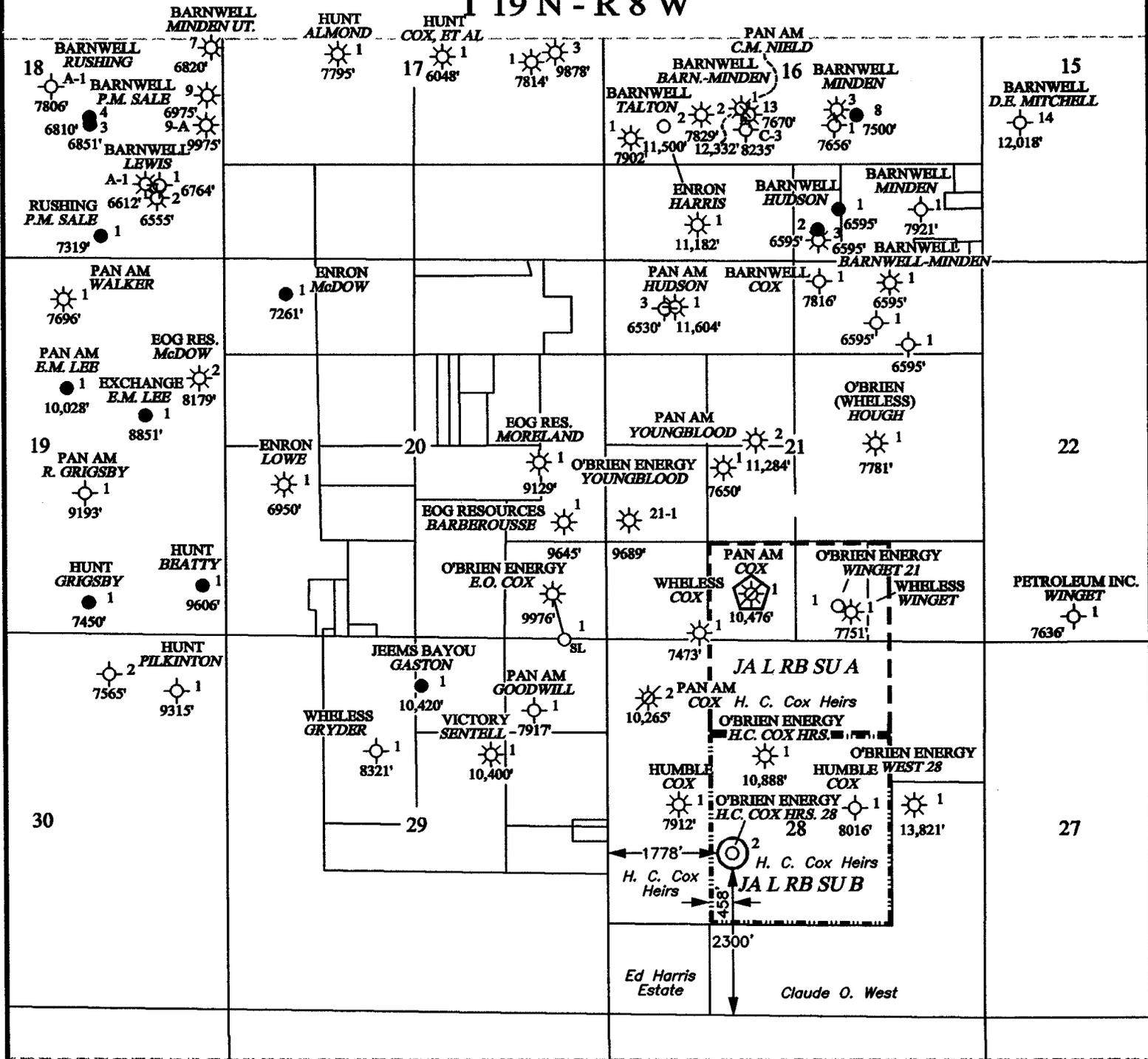
MINDEN FIELD WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT FOR LOWER PALUXY B SAND UNITS

-  : EXISTING LOWER PALUXY B UNIT WELLS
-  : EXISTING LOWER PALUXY B SAND UNITS (±160 AC.) ORDER No. 457-K SERIES
-  : PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY B UNIT WELL
-  : PROPOSED LOWER PALUXY B SAND UNIT F (±160 AC.)



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MINDEN FIELD WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

UNIT PLAT FOR JAMES LIME RESERVOIR B SAND UNITS

-  : EXISTING JAMES LIME RESERVOIR B UNIT WELL
-  : EXISTING JAMES LIME RESERVOIR B SAND UNIT (±160 AC.) ORDER No. 457-A-10 SERIES
-  : PROPOSED JAMES LIME RESERVOIR B UNIT WELL
-  : PROPOSED JAMES LIME RESERVOIR B SAND UNIT B (±160 AC.)

