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February 16, 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.

Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, SLIGO FIELD,
Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, 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 Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV C RA SUE and CV C RA SUF.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed unit CV C RA SUE.
4. To designate Applicant's Murff Heirs 17 No. 4 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for CV C RA SUE, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-C, effective September 1, 1958.
5. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-7, effective April 17, 2001, to include the Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, underlying CV C RA SUF, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from the Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Order No. 8-7.
6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Cotton Valley "C" Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 8-B-2, effective August 1, 1958.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 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 records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated February 3, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set March 3, 2005, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised 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 the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and 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.

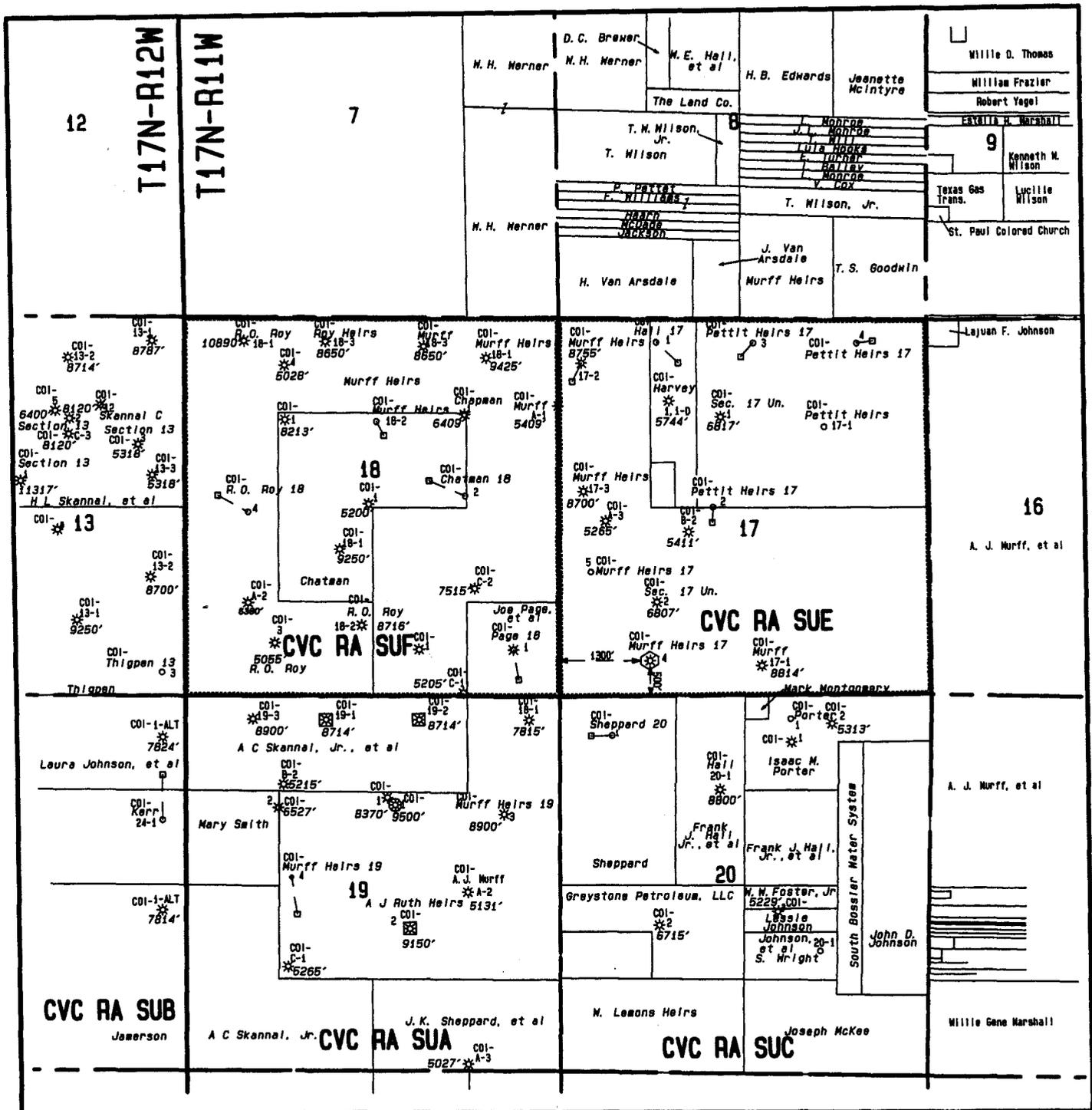
Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Sligo Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of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

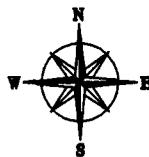
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Enclosures
cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Les Rodman (w/encl.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



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- PROPOSED UNIT
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED UNIT WELL
- WELLS 5000' OR DEEPER ARE SHOWN



Docket No. 05- Exhibit No. 1
CHESAPEAKE OPERATING INC.
Sligo Field
 Bossier Parish, Louisiana
 UNIT PROPOSAL
 COTTON VALLEY C SAND

WITNESS:
 DATE: