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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275

RE: Alternate Unit Well Application
11,200' Sand Reservoir Q1 SUG
Cut Off Field
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application hereby is made on behalf of Whittier Operating, Inc., for the calling of a public hearing, after (10) days legal notice to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the 11,200' Reservoir Q1 SUG in the Cut Off Field, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, for which rules and regulations were adopted and multiple drilling and producing units were established by Office of Conservation Order 600-C effective November 1, 1967.

1. To permit the applicant Whittier to drill, designate and utilize an alternate well at an exceptional location for the 11,200' Reservoir Q1 SUG.
2. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The existing unit well for the 11,200' Sand RQ1 SUG is the J.L. DeFelice No. 2 Well (Serial Number 112191). The proposed alternate unit well is necessary to drain a portion of the unit which cannot be drained by any existing well in the unit.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting **E. Holmes Smart with Frank W. Harrison, Jr. Consulting Geologist, 200 Audubon Blvd., Lafayette, Louisiana 70503 (337) 232-4031.**

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat showing the existing unit for 11,200' RQ1 SUG, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested parties to whom this unitization proposal is being sent. 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 provided to any party

requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed our check in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Holmes Smart".

E. Holmes Smart
EHS/hjs

Enclosures

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

cc: All Interested Owners, Represented Parties
& Interested Parties

