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July 1, 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

Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A, WEST LAKE  
LERY FIELD, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MANTI OPERATING 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 Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A, in the West Lake Lery Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being designated CIB O RA SUB and being shown on the attached plat.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
4. To redefine the top of the Cibicides Opima Zone, Reservoir A, as currently defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1480, effective November 3, 2004, as being the measured depth of 10,562 feet (9,674 feet TVD), in the Manti Operating Company--Evans No. 1 Well (Serial No. 230604), having a bottomhole location in Section 56, Township 14 South, Range 13 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 1480, effective November 3, 2004, to the proposed additional unit.
6. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, 305 La Rue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Comeaux at (337) 233-9839 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

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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 June 9, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was thereafter held beginning at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on June 30, 2005, in Lafayette, Louisiana. Attached is a list of the names and addresses of those persons present at the conference.

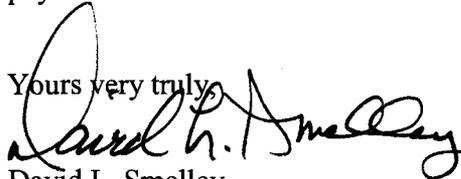
The purpose of the conference was explained as well as the bases for Applicant's proposals by sufficient data and detail for those present at the conference to have a reasonable opportunity to discuss the proposals and attempt to resolve any differences in good faith. Following Applicant's presentation, there was a general question and answer period concerning the proposals of Applicant. Thereafter, the conference was adjourned with all parties reserving their rights.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining the additional drilling and production unit which Applicant proposes to create (which plat is identical to that attached to the pre-application notice). Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

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 West Lake Lery Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

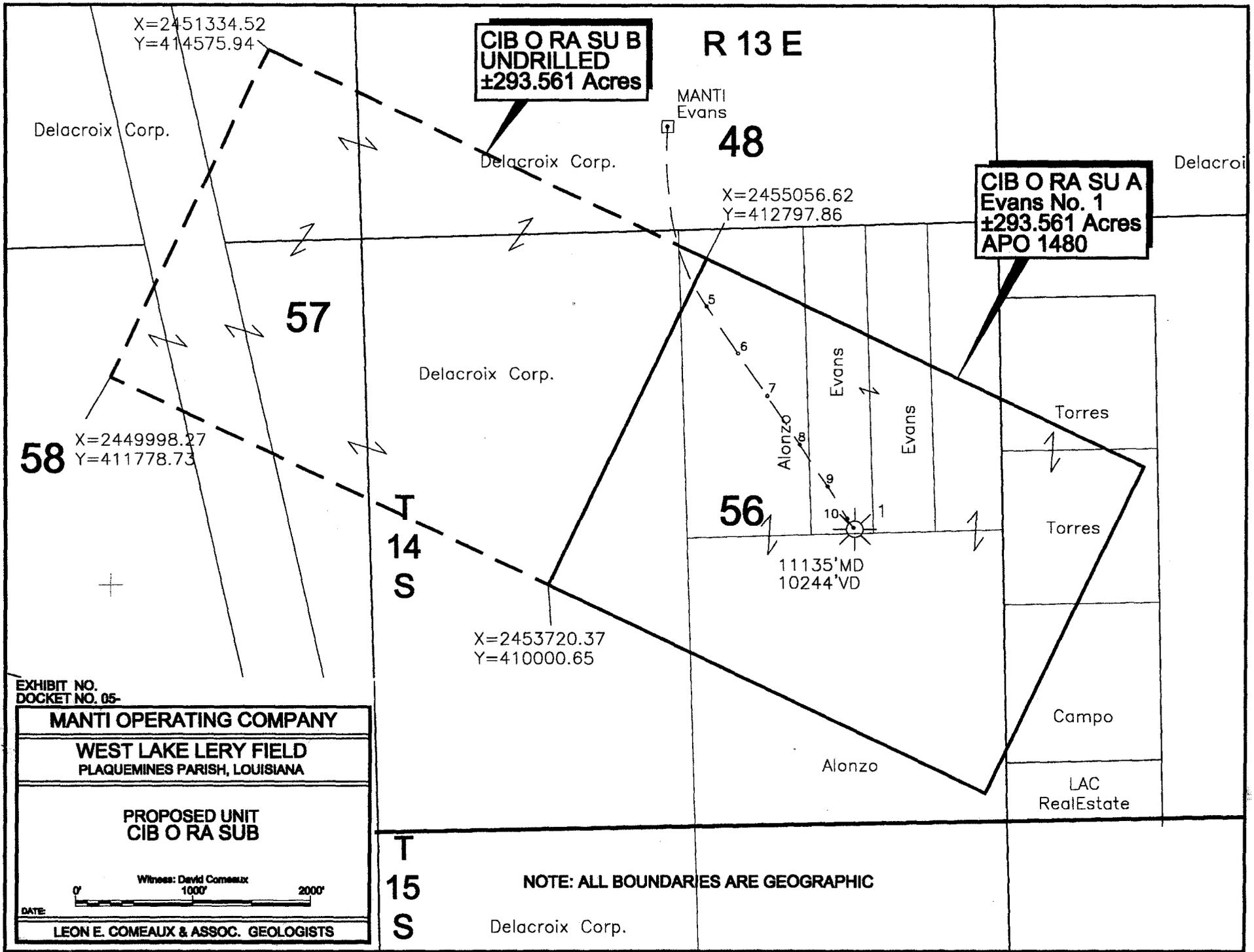
Attorney for Manti Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/encls.)  
Mr. Barry Clark (w/encls.)  
Mr. Tom Medary (w/encls.)  
Mr. David Comeaux (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



**CIB O RA SUB UNDRILLED**  
**±293.561 Acres**

**CIB O RA SUB A Evans No. 1**  
**±293.561 Acres**  
**APO 1480**

**R 13 E**

**48**

**57**

**58**

**56**

**T 14 S**

**T 15 S**

EXHIBIT NO.  
 DOCKET NO. 05-

**MANTI OPERATING COMPANY**

**WEST LAKE LERY FIELD**  
 PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED UNIT**  
**CIB O RA SUB**

Witness: David Comeaux  
 1000' 2000'

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOC. GEOLOGISTS**

**NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC**

Delacroix Corp.

X=2451334.52  
 Y=414575.94

X=2449998.27  
 Y=411778.73

X=2455056.62  
 Y=412797.86

X=2453720.37  
 Y=410000.65

11135' MD  
 10244' VD