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December 27, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, and Cotton Valley  
Formation, Reservoir A, CHENIERE CREEK  
FIELD, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Cheniere Creek Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

### Hosston Formation, Reservoir D

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D.
2. To create four (4) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, such units being designated HOSS RD SUA through HOSS RD SUD, and being shown on an attached plat.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an Operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that future wells drilled to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit line and no closer than 2,000 feet to any well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit shall have been granted to drill to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D.

6. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, with production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in any well drilled on the identical units for those formations in which the interests in such units are identical.

7. To define the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 6,270 feet and 9,566 feet, electric log measurements, in the ASA Energy Corp--Thompson No. 1 Well (SN 185409), located in Section 7, Township 16 North, Range 3 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir D.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A

1. To create four (4) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SUG through CV RA SUJ.

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 an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.

4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 503-J, effective November 22, 1983, to the proposed additional units.

5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Cheniere Creek Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 503-J, effective November 22, 1983.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, 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 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.

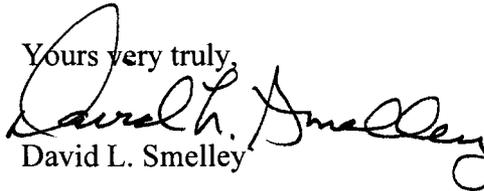
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By letter dated December 12, 2005, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set January 5, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request was received within ten (10) days of the date of said letter; 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 each of the two unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Monroe 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 plats, 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 Cheniere Creek 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.

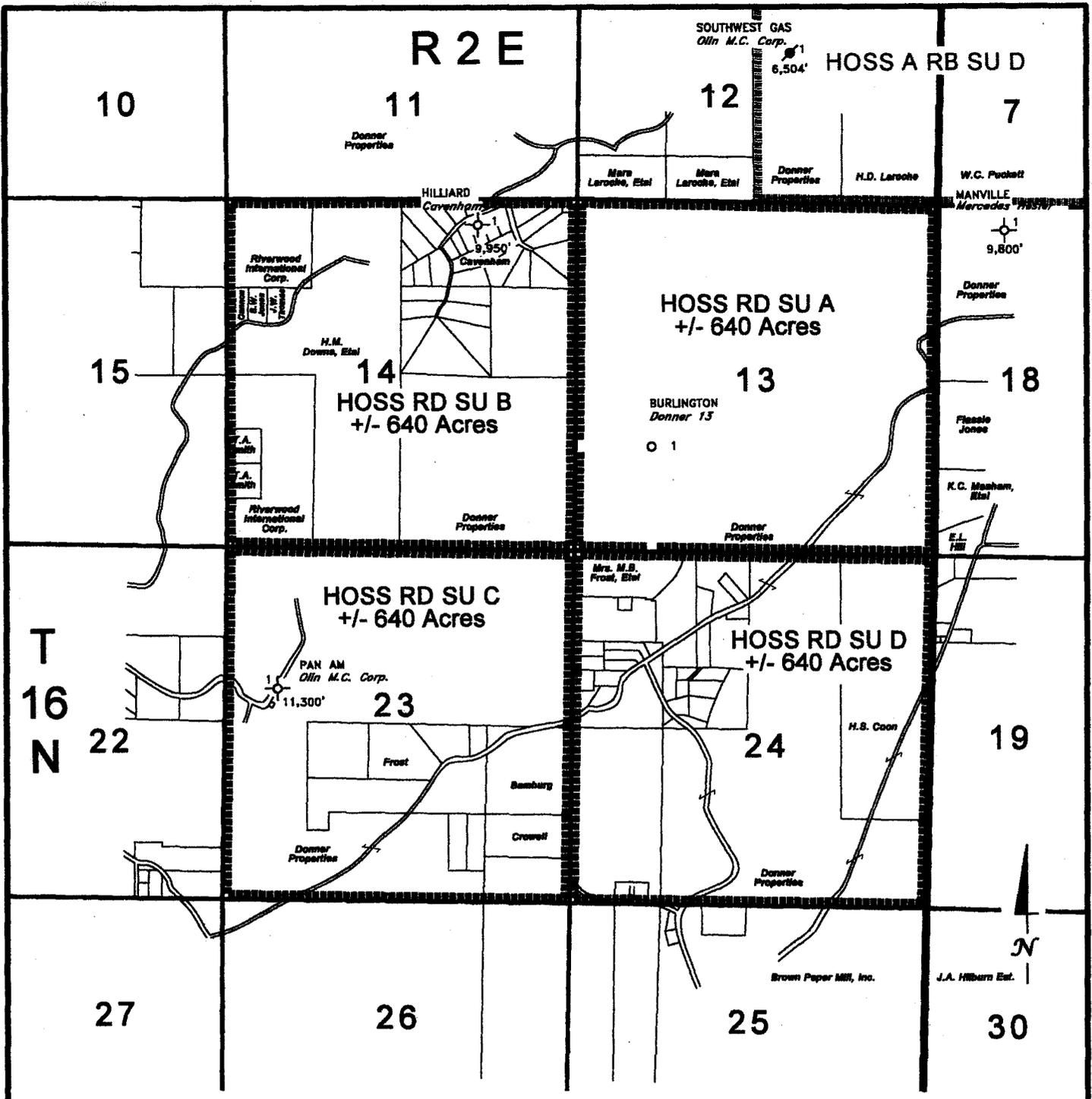
Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Burlington Resources Oil & Gas, L.P.

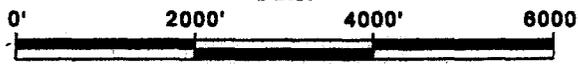
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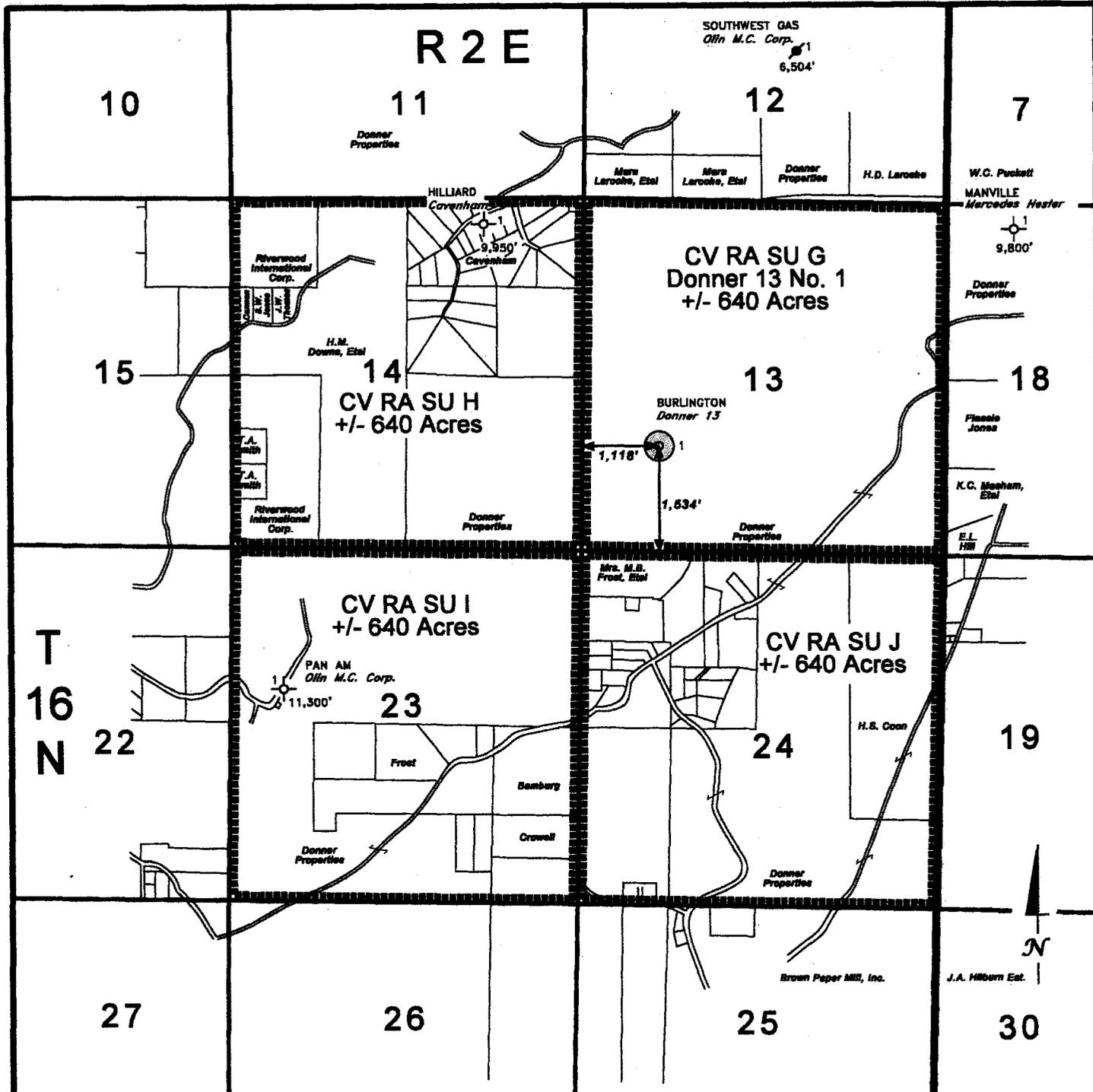
cc: Mr. Clarence Chandler (w/encls.)  
Mr. Trey Shepherd (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



- - PROPOSED HOSSTON RD UNITS
- - EXISTING HOSSTON A UNIT
- - PROPOSED UNIT WELL

  
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<b>CHENIERE CREEK FIELD</b> OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA	
Proposed Units <b>Hosston Zone, Reservoir D</b>	
Date:	
	
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----- - PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS

● - PROPOSED UNIT WELL

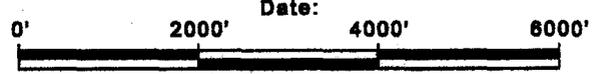
  
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