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Ref: 2017-20950

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
11,350' Zone, Reservoirs A and B
LAKE WASHINGTON FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Swift Energy Operating, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

A pre-application was previously filed by Hilcorp Energy Company dated April 13, 2006 for the NPR5 Sand, Reservoir A and NPB2 Sand, Reservoir A (now designated as the 11,350' Zone, Reservoirs A and B). Therefore, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Swift Energy Operating, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 11,350' Zone, Reservoirs A and B, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the Spacing Provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create two (2) single drilling and production units of approximately 196 acres and 105 acres respectively for the 11,350' Zone, Reservoirs A and B, designated as the 11350' RA SUA and 11350' RB SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator a unit well and an alternate well for the 11350' RA SUA created herein;
5. To permit applicant, Swift Energy Operating, L.L.C. to drill, designate and utilize the Swift Energy Operating, L.L.C.-State Lease 17990 No. 10 Well as an alternate unit well for the 11350' RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
6. To grant a single unit allowable for the 11350' RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from either of the wells, at its option;

7. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 11350' RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within the unit.
8. To authorize MER allowables for Reservoir A and Reservoir B.
9. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The 11350' Zone, Reservoir A in Lake Washington Field is hereby defined as being that oil and gas bearing sand encountered between the measured depths of 11,534 feet (11358' VD) and 12,396 feet (12220' VD) (electrical log measurements) in the Swift Energy Operating, LLC State Lease 17990 No. 3 Well, located in Section 15, Township 20 South, Range 26 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

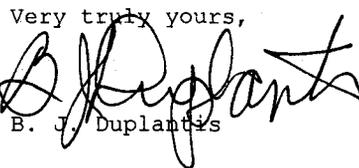
In compliance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana on May 5, 2006. Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the parties who were in attendance at that conference.

The conference was opened by Mr. Bill McAlister. Mr. McAlister presented the plan of applicant, Hilcorp. Questions were asked and answered. A compromise has been reached by the parties and have agreed upon the attached plan. It is anticipated that there will be no opposition at the public hearing on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 11350' RA SUA and 11350' RB SUA, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed units can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Remy Williams of W. H. Robbins & Associates, LLC, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

B. J. Duplantis

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

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties

