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Ref: 2234-24077

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
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Re: Hearing Application
Cristellaria I Zone, Reservoir A
CHANDELEUR SOUND BLOCK 43 FIELD
St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration,
LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

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 **The Meridian Resource & Exploration, 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 Cristellaria I Zone, Reservoir A, in the Chandeleur Sound Block 43 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 367 acres for the Cristellaria I Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CRIS I RA SUA, Chandeleur Sound Block 43 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit operator and unit well for the unit created herein;
5. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

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The Cristellaria I Zone in the Chandeleur Sound Addition Block 43 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 6,884 feet and 7,132 feet (electrical log measurements) [6,176 feet and 6,424 feet (true vertical depth)] in The Meridian Resource & Exploration, L.L.C.- SL 18307, No. 1 Well, located in Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 20 East, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated February 9, 2006 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2006. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer was received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WAS NOT HELD**.

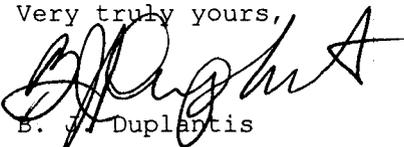
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a revised plat outlining the CRIS I RA SUA, Chandeleur Sound Block 43 Field, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

As provided in Rule 9 of the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Commissioner of Conservation, if a request is received, the applicant will schedule a pre-hearing conference to discuss the revised application.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. & Hardwick & Associates, Inc., 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-7756.

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 Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

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S/L 18307 NO. 1
± 367 ACRES

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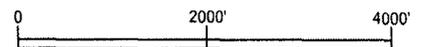
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PROPOSED UNIT
CRIS I ZONE



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