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APPLICATION

2102-65959

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

Re: Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A
Section 28 Field
St. Martin Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **NOBLE ENERGY, INC.** for the calling of a public hearing, after thirty (30) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters in the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, Section 28 Field, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, such unit to be designated the NS RA SUA;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To designate the Noble Energy - Levert-St. John No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit;

4. To designate Noble Energy, Inc. as the unit operator for the proposed unit;
5. To provide that any future wells drilled to the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E;
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation; and
7. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Nonion Struma Zone, Reservoir A, in the Section 28 Field, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 13,800 feet and 15,633 feet, electrical log measurements, in the Flaitz & Mitchell – Martin No. 1 Well, located in Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 7 East, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 a.m. on the 20th day of July, 2006, at The Onebane Firm, 1200 Camellia Blvd., Suite 300, Lafayette, Louisiana, (337) 237-2660. A list of the parties who attended the pre-application conference is attached. Randall C. Songy, attorney for the applicant, opened the conference with a brief discussion of the Rules of Procedures. Bill Dale, geological consultant for the applicant, explained the applicant's proposal and the geological, engineering and other bases therefor, and answered questions. While there were no counterplans with precise boundaries presented, Ryan Foti stated that he wanted the western unit boundary moved further west and the southern unit boundary moved to the south so as to include the entirety of his two tracts of land. The conference was then adjourned.

Pertinent data relating to the proposed application can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, by contacting Bill Dale, 302 Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, (337)232-5004.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit 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, enclosed herein is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation in payment of the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


RANDALL C. SONGY

RCS/elg/bad

Enclosures

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

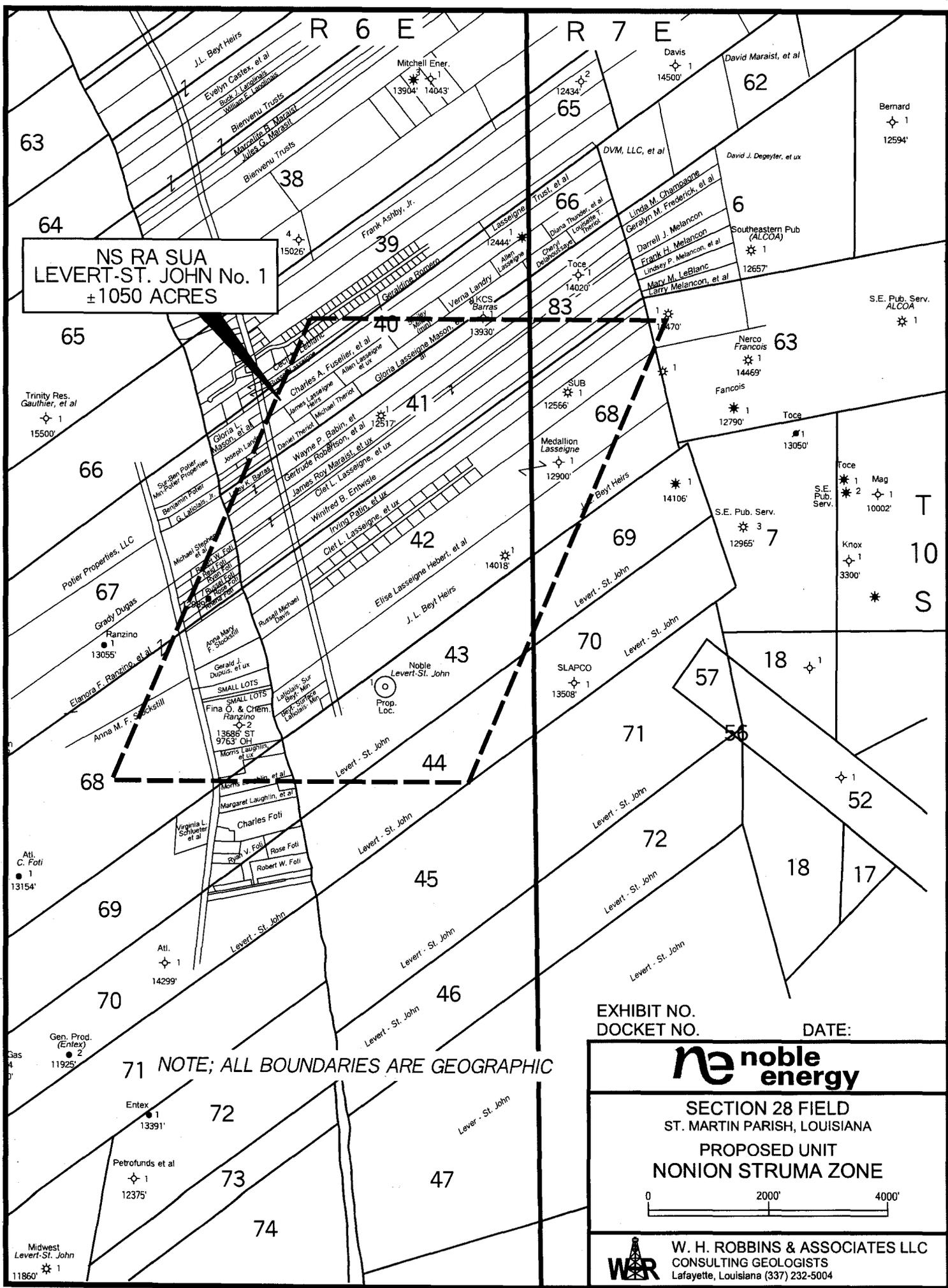
All Interested Owners, Interested Parties
and Represented Parties

P.S. To all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties:

You may have received this Application even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units.

Your receipt of this Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

NS RA SUA
LEVERT-ST. JOHN No. 1
± 1050 ACRES



71 NOTE; ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

EXHIBIT NO. _____ DOCKET NO. _____ DATE: _____

noble energy

SECTION 28 FIELD
ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED UNIT
NONION STRUMA ZONE

0 2000' 4000'

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