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August 6, 2007

Ref: 2976-22054

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

Re: Hearing Application  
LOWER EXPOSITO Sand, Reservoir A  
LAPEYROUSE FIELD  
Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Castex Energy, Inc.

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 **Castex Energy, Inc.** 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 Lower Exposito Sand, Reservoir A, SUA in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

1. To grant an exception to the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E and to create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 40 acres for the Lower Exposito Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, designated as the L EXPOSITO RA SUA, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne 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 reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Lower Exposito Sand, Reservoir A, in the Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand between the depths of 13,294 feet and 13,187 feet (-13,034' to -13,144' subsea) (electrical log measurements) in the Castex Energy, Inc.-Invincible Fee No. 6 Well, located in Section 71, Township 20 South, Range 18 East, Terrebonne 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 July 26, 2007 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 16, 2007. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. The tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the L EXPOSITO RA SUA, Lapeyrouse Field, Terrebonne 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.

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. Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Art Christy of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 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

BJD/ht  
Attachments  
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties

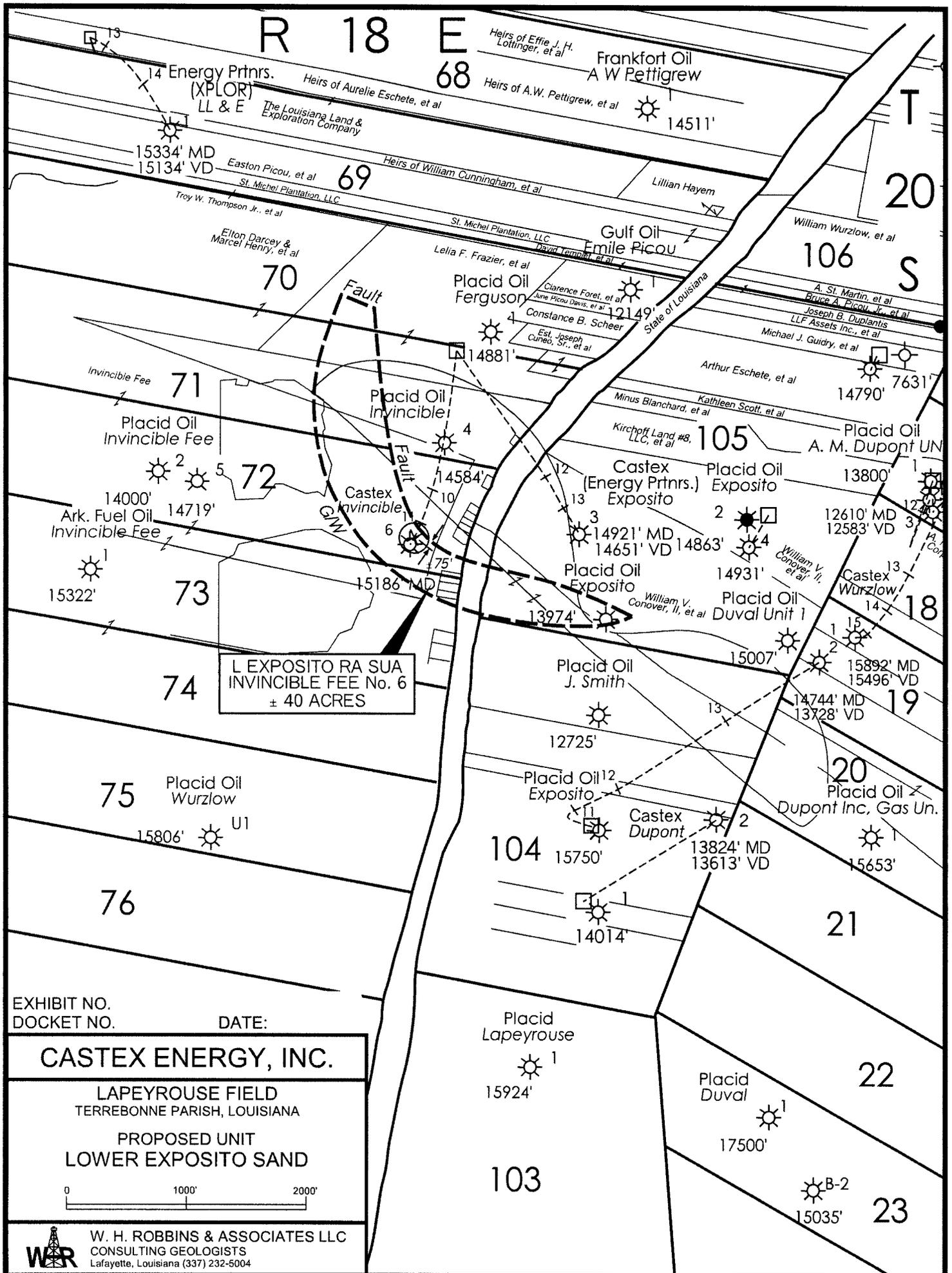
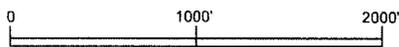


EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NO. DATE:

**CASTEX ENERGY, INC.**

LAPEYROUSE FIELD  
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT  
LOWER EXPOSITO SAND



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