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July 10, 2008

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: HEARING APPLICATION
HA RA SUA and HA RA SUB
Thorn Lake Field
Red River Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 410688.0028

Dear Sir:

On behalf of STROUD PETROLEUM, INC., application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Formation, Reservoir A, in the Thorn Lake Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and create two drilling and production units (to be designated HA RA SUA and HA RA SUB), as shown on the plat attached hereto, for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Formation, Reservoir A, in the Thorn Lake Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.

2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said units, with allocation of production from the unit well to the tracts within each such unit to be on the basis of surface acreage.

3. To designate a unit operator and unit wells for certain of the proposed units, if appropriate.

4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Haynesville Formation, Reservoir A, in the Thorn Lake Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana, is defined as the stratigraphic equivalent of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, as defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-H, effective August 28, 2007.

In accordance with the Office of Conservation Policy Memorandum dated March 16, 1998,

the Office of Conservation has approved the waiver of the production test in the field policy for the Haynesville Zone, Thorn Lake Field. The original of such waiver was dated June 19, 2008.

Pertinent data regarding this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Stroud Petroleum, Inc., 416 Travis Street, Suite 609, Shreveport, LA 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Ted Scurlock at (318) 425-0101, during normal business hours, or write Mr. Scurlock at the above address in order to arrange a time and date for such inspection. Copies of such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

By Pre-Application Notice dated June 28, 2008, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a Pre-Application Conference, and accordingly, no conference will be held.

A check in the amount of $755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussand, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation, to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list and to the Pre-Application Conference Attendees.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: Wm. Timothy Allen

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Attorneys for Stroud Petroleum, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard
Office of Conservation, Shreveport District Manager, La. (w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat)

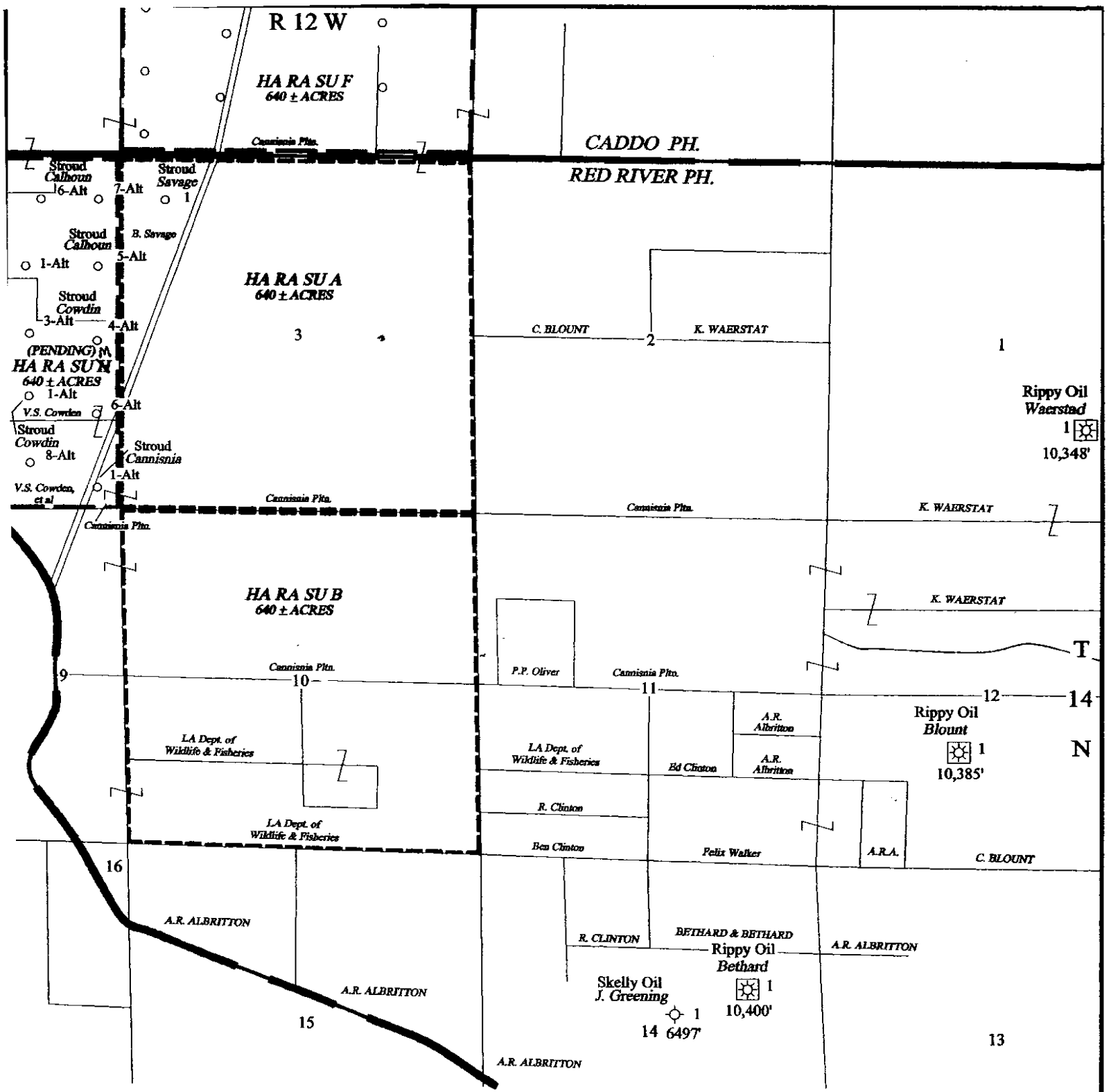

EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. 08-

STROUD PETROLEUM, INC.

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

THORN LAKE FIELD

RED RIVER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED HAYNESVILLE RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS A & B

: PROPOSED THORN LAKE HAYNESVILLE RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS

: EXISTING CASPIANA HAYNESVILLE RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS

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GRAPHIC SCALE