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July 14, 2008

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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, NORTH
MISSIONARY LAKE FIELD, Caddo Parish,
Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

RIVERSTONE ENERGY OPERATING, L.L.C. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the North Missionary Lake Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV RA SU160 and CV RA SU161.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
4. To extend, except as in conflict with these proposals, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 961-A, effective December 2, 1981, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 961-A series of Orders, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units.
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the North Missionary Lake Field was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 961-A, effective December 2, 1981.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Craig Barclay, 522 Dumbarton, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Barclay at (318) 869-2223 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not

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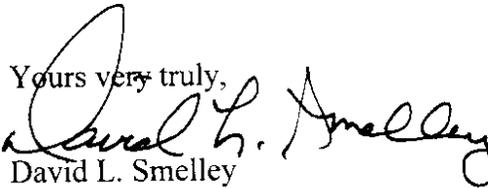
otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated June 23, 2008, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set July 18, 2008, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the unit plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of North Missionary Lake Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for RiverStone Energy Operating,
L.L.C.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Guy Fuller (w/encls.)
Mr. Craig Barclay (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

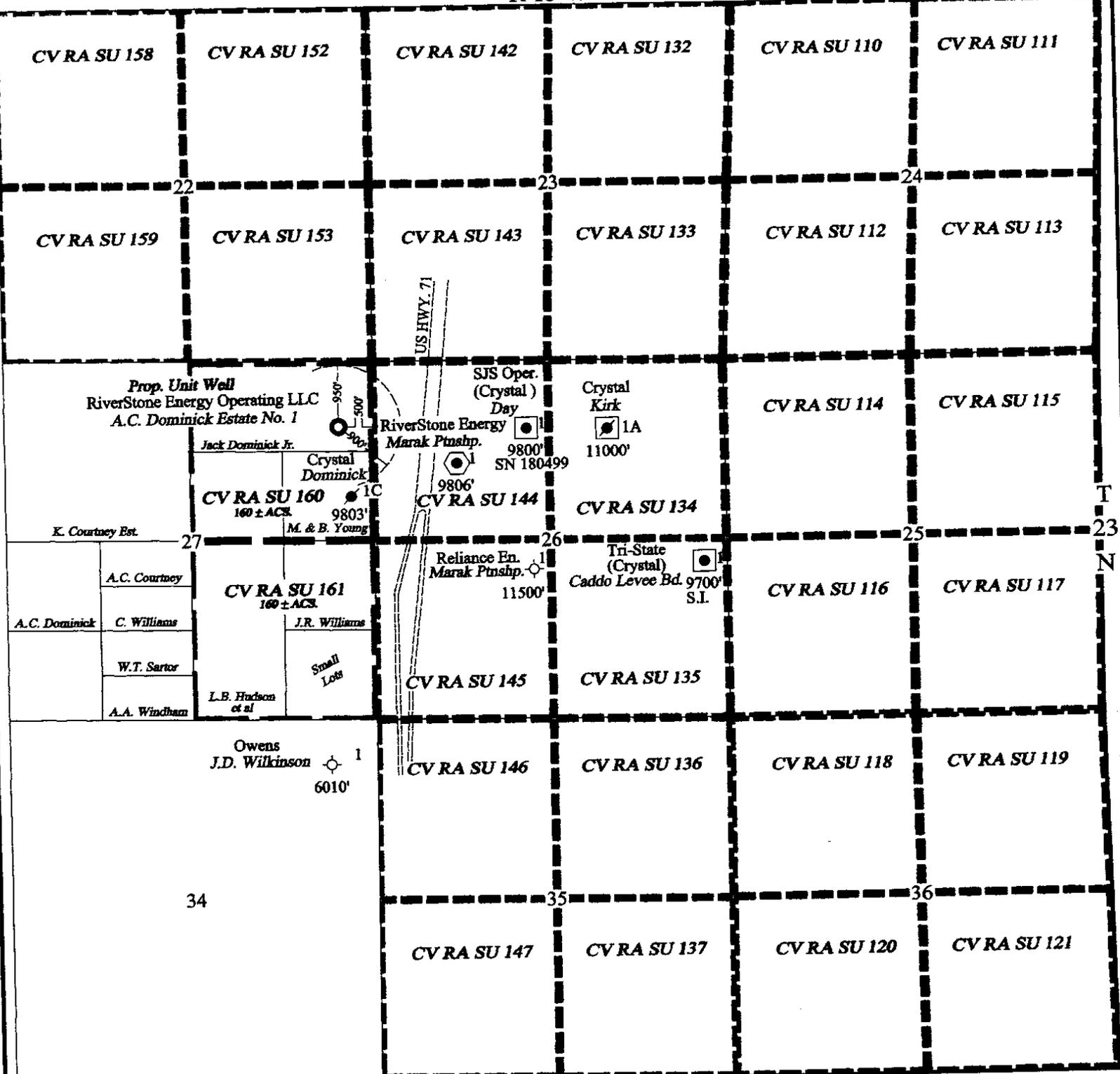


EXHIBIT NO. 1

DOCKET NO. _____

RiverStone Energy Operating LLC
 KINGWOOD, TEXAS

NORTH MISSIONARY LAKE FIELD
 CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS 160 & 161
 PROPOSED UNIT WELL FOR COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT 160

-  : PROPOSED UNIT WELL FOR CV RA SU 160
-  : PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS
-  : EXISTING COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS
-  : EXISTING COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A UNIT WELLS
-  : EXISTING CV RA SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL



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