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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir B, WOODARDVILLE FIELD,
Red River Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Woodardville Field, Red River Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for HOSS RB SU67 and for CV RB SU67, and an alternate unit well for HOSS RB SU72 and for CV RB SU72, at the locations shown on the attached plats.
2. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the unit on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.
3. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Woodardville Field, Bienville and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B, effective September 13, 2005, and was redefined as to the units designated CV RB SU67 and CV RB SU72 by Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-77, effective April 22, 2008.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, in the Woodardville Field, Bienville and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-C, effective February 1, 2006, and was further defined in Order No. 990-C-8, effective January 9, 2007.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person desiring to inspect any such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112

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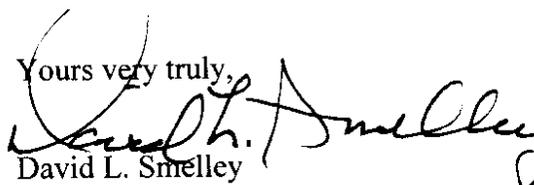
during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid 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 this letter, and of each of the attached plats, 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 shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plats 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 Woodardville Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Empresa Energy, L.P.

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jeff Elkin (w/encls.)
Ms. Deidra Dierks (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Mr. Jim Dodson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

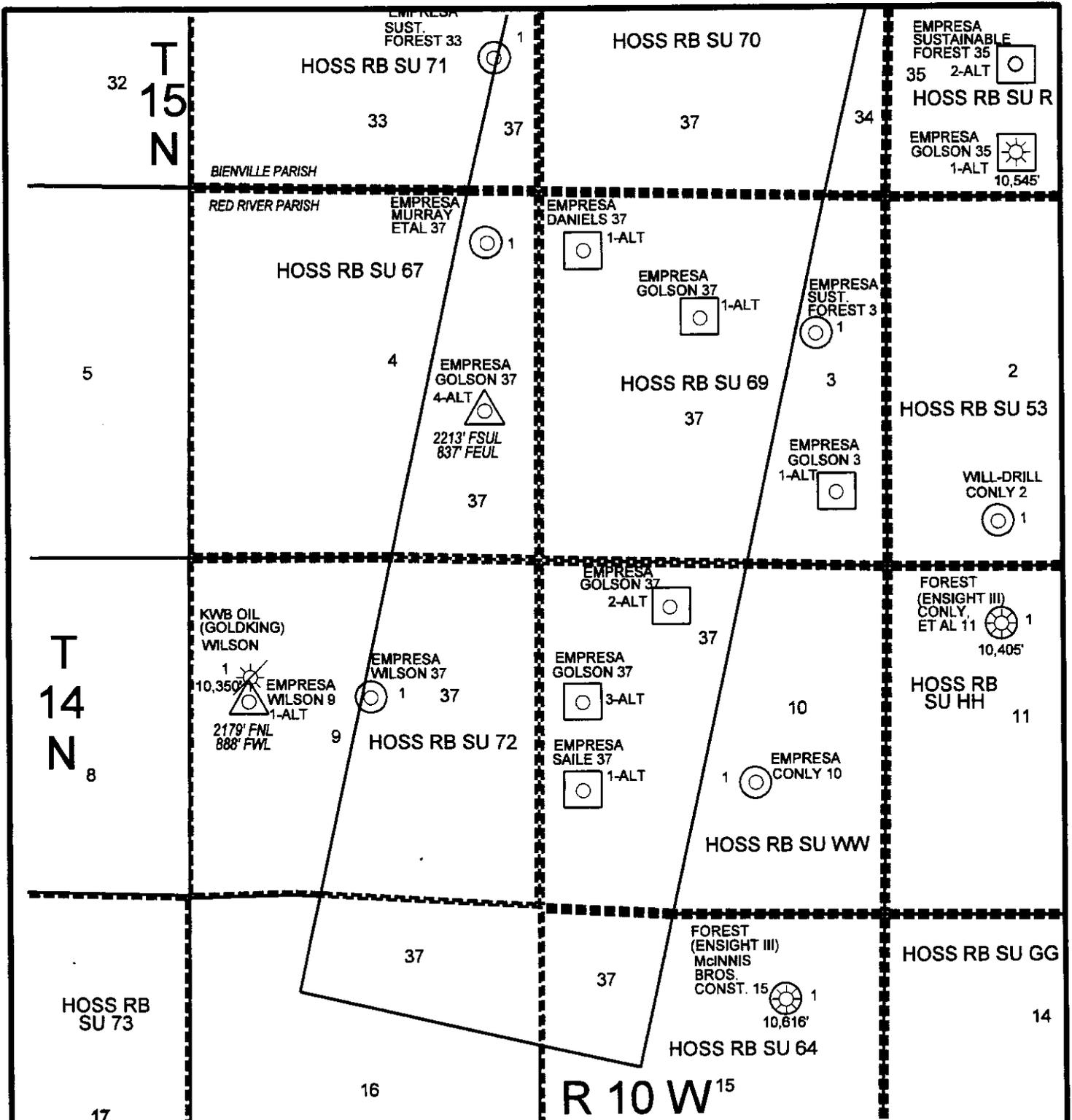
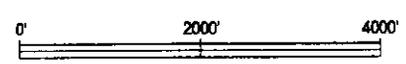


EXHIBIT NO. DOCKET NOS. 08-

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P.

WOODARDVILLE FIELD
RED RIVER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSSTON RB SU 67 AND SU 72



DATE: WOODARDSEC448-02-08.DGN

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LEGEND

- :HOSS RB UNITS, AS PER 990-C SERIES
- :UNIT WELL
- :ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- :PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- :PENDING UNIT WELL

HOSS RB SU 74
HOSS RB SU 75
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