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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, HOLLY FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P. ("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 Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on the attached plat and being designated HA RA SUL and HA RA SUM.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed 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 an operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
4. To provide that for horizontal wells drilled within these proposed units, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, the distance to any unit boundary will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not based on the penetration point or terminus.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the applicable provisions of Office of Conservayion Order No. 88-J, effective July 29, 2008, to the proposed additional units.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to any of these proposals.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in Holly Field was redefined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-J, effective July 29, 2008.

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 wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data

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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.

By letter dated September 8, 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 a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was thereafter requested and held beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on October 3, 2008, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Attached is a list of the names and addresses of those persons present at the conference.

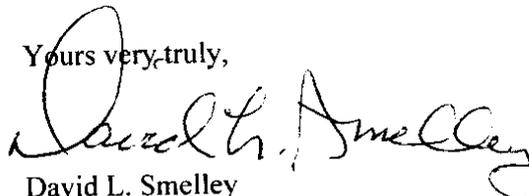
The purpose of the conference was explained as well as the bases for Applicant's proposals by sufficient data and detail for those present at the conference to have a reasonable opportunity to discuss the proposals and attempt to resolve any differences in good faith. Following this presentation there was a general question and answer period concerning the proposals of Applicant, after which the conference was adjourned with no counterplan having been presented.

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 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 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 Holly 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 El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Bernie Uliny (w/encls.)
Ms. Kelly Hunt (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

