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

Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, SENTELL FIELD,  
Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

SOUTHERN STAR OPERATING, INC. ("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 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sentell Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To create three (3) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RA SUA through CV RA SUC.
3. 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.
4. To designate Applicant as operator of, and its R C Atkins et al 8 No. 1 Well (located as shown on the attached plat) as the unit well for, the proposed unit CV RA SUB.
5. To designate Applicant as operator of, and its Atkins-Lincoln 18 No. 1 Well (located as shown on the attached plat) as the unit well for, the proposed unit CV RA SUC.
6. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize its Atkins-Lincoln 18 No. 2 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as an alternate unit well for the proposed unit CV RA SUC.

7. To permit the operator of CV RA SUC to produce the unit allowable from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.

8. To propose that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the units proposed herein be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.

9. To define the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,750 feet and 9,850 feet in the Southern Star Operating, Inc.--Atkins-Lincoln 18 No. 1 Well, located in Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, less and except the Bodcaw Sand of the Cotton Valley Formation, as defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 251, effective July 6, 1953.

10. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to either of these zones and reservoirs.

Pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Craig C. Barclay, 522 Dumbarton, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect 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 data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated November 16, 2007, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals. While a request to hold the pre-application conference was received, it was subsequently withdrawn after an explanation of these proposals; therefore, no pre-application conference will be held.

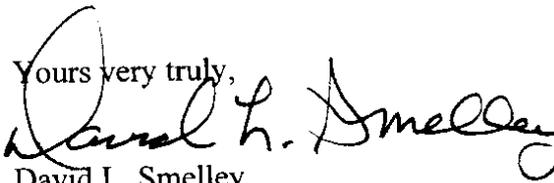
Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the plat showing the proposed units (which is identical to the 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 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 Sentell Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all

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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 Southern Star Operating, Inc.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Craig C. Barclay (w/encls.)  
Mr. Dave Gibbs (w/encls.)  
Mr. Jim Horton (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

19N-14W

19N-13W

CADDO-PINE ISLAND FIELD  
**(PENDING)  
CV RC SUG**

CADDO-PINE ISLAND FIELD  
**HOSS RA SUG**

Caddo Ph.  
Bossier Ph.

COAST  
BURT  
#1  
8300'

PAN AM  
HUNT  
#1  
8567'

12

ICEE Distributors  
**PROPOSED  
CV RA SUA**  
+/- 640 AC.

Neilson Jacobs, Etal

Roy Davis  
W.P. Lincoln

FAULCONER  
ATKINS-JACOBS  
#1

SN/50332

Atkins, Etal  
#8-1  
8333'

**PROPOSED  
CV RA SUB**  
+/- 640 AC.

T.V.  
Rendall

SOUTHERN STAR  
ATKINS, ETAL  
#8-1

R.C. Atkins, Etal

T.V. Rendall

SOUTHERN STAR  
RENDALL  
#7-1

5000'  
SN/235777

T.V. Rendall

SOUTHERN STAR  
ATKINS-LINCOLN  
#18-2

9950'  
SN/236106

FAULCONER  
ATKINS-RENDALL  
#1  
SN/48682

R.C. Atkins & W.P. Lincoln

**PROPOSED  
CV RA SUC**  
+/- 640 AC.

SOUTHERN STAR  
ATKINS-LINCOLN  
#18-1

SN/234571

State Of La.

STANDLIND  
BURT  
#1

9370'

HANBURY  
LEONARD  
#1  
6041'

14

13

13

17

DIXIE FIELD  
**CV RA SUF**

APPROVED/PENDING UNIT

PROPOSED UNIT

PROPOSED UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL



**SOUTHERN STAR OPERATING, INC.**

**SENTELL FIELD**  
CADDO & BOSSIER PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS  
**CV RA SUA, CV RA SUB,  
AND CV RA SUC**

DOCKET NO. 07-

EXHIBIT NO.1