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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 Zone, Reservoir A, SENTELL FIELD,
Bossier Parish, 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, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated CV RA SUD.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit 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 well for, the proposed additional unit as may be appropriate.
4. To propose that future wells drilled to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
5. 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.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this zone and reservoir.

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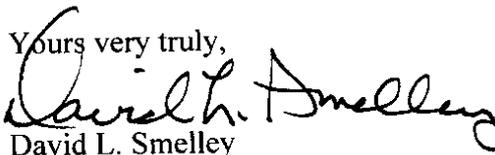
Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Craig C. Barclay, 522 Dumbarton, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Barclay at (318) 869-2223 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such 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 January 2, 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 January 25, 2008, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the conference was received within 10 days of the pre-application notice; 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 unit (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 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,


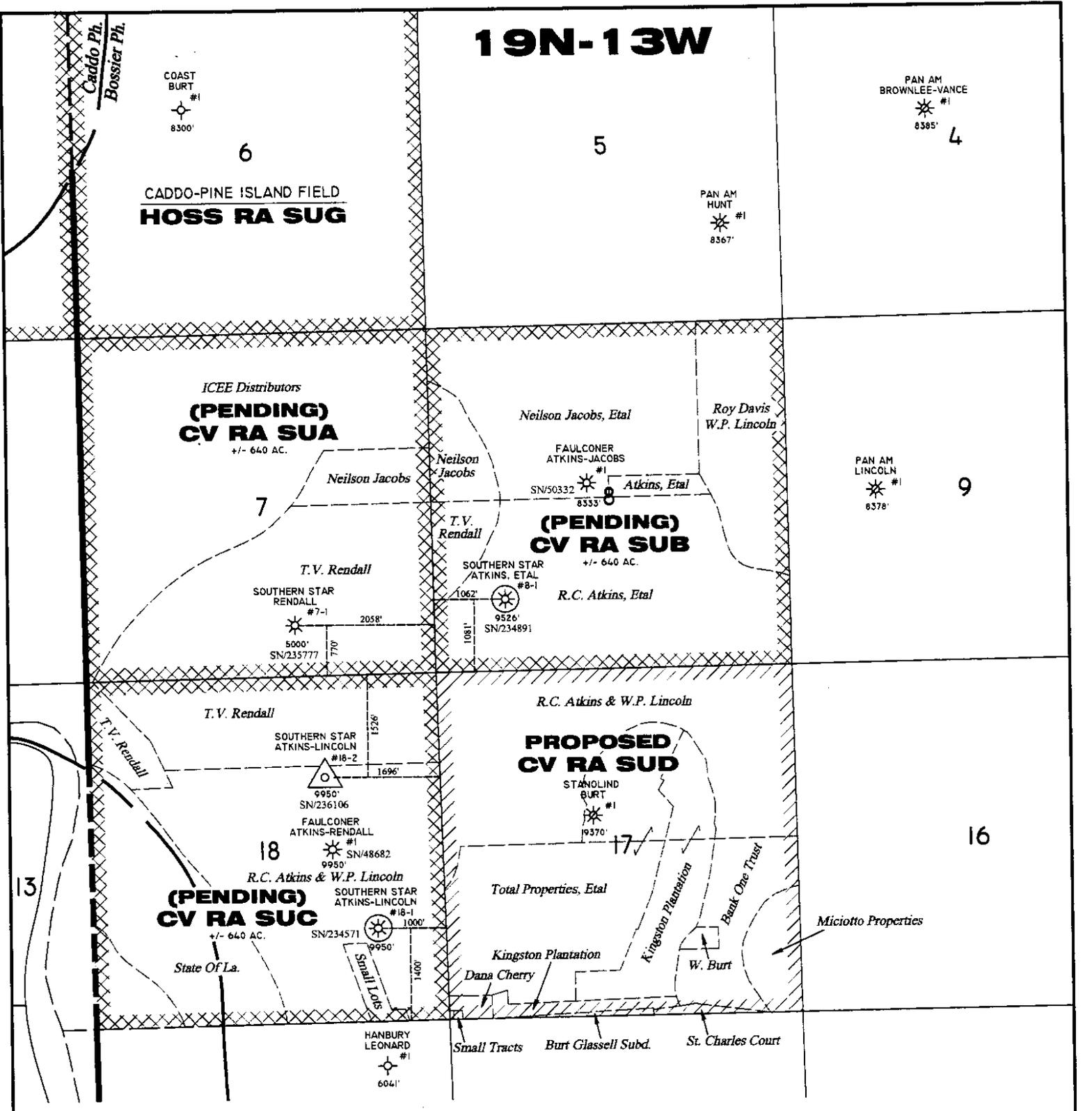
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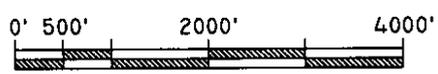
Enclosures

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/plat only)

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APPROVED/PENDING UNIT
 PROPOSED UNIT
 APPROVED/PENDING UNIT WELL
 APPROVED/PENDING ALTERNATE UNIT WELL



SOUTHERN STAR OPERATING, INC.

SENTELL FIELD
CADDO & BOSSIER PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT
CV RA SUD

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