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February 5, 2008

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, Bienville and Red River Parishes, 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, Bienville and Red River Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) additional alternate unit well for HOSS RB SUQ, CV RB SUQ, HOSS RB SUS and CV RB SUS, and two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RB SUR, CV RB SUR, HOSS RB SUT and CV RB SUT, at the locations shown on the attached plats.

2. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 990-C, effective February 1, 2006 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B) and Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B, effective September 13, 2005 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B), for the location of any of the proposed alternate unit wells, as shown on the attached plats, which does not comply with the spacing provisions of these Orders.

3. 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.

4. To permit the unit allowables for the units on which these alternate unit wells are proposed to be drilled to be produced from either the unit or substitute unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells at the option of the Operator.

5. 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 SUQ, CV RB SUR,

CV RB SUS and CV RB SUT by Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-10, effective January 9, 2007.

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 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.

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

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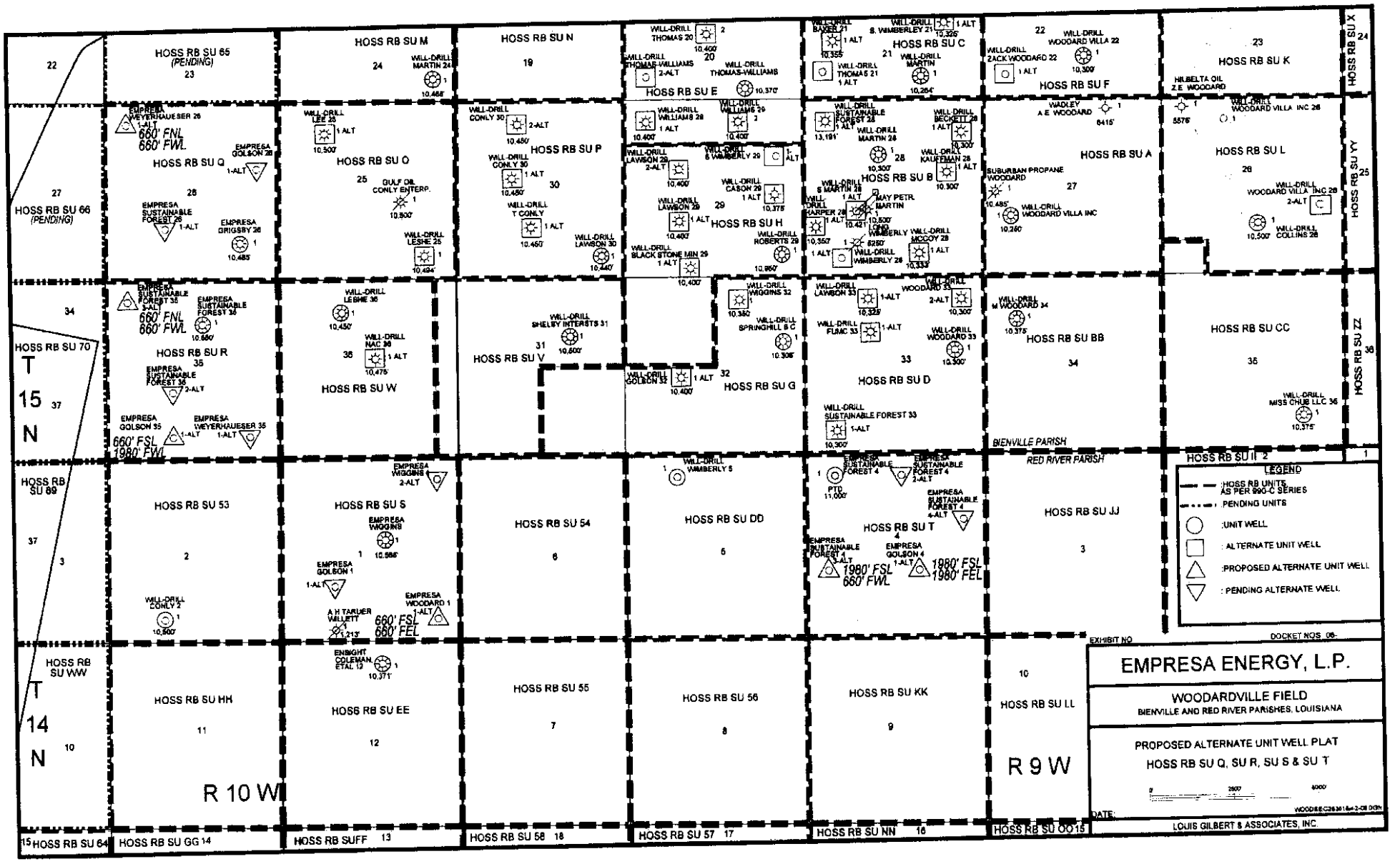
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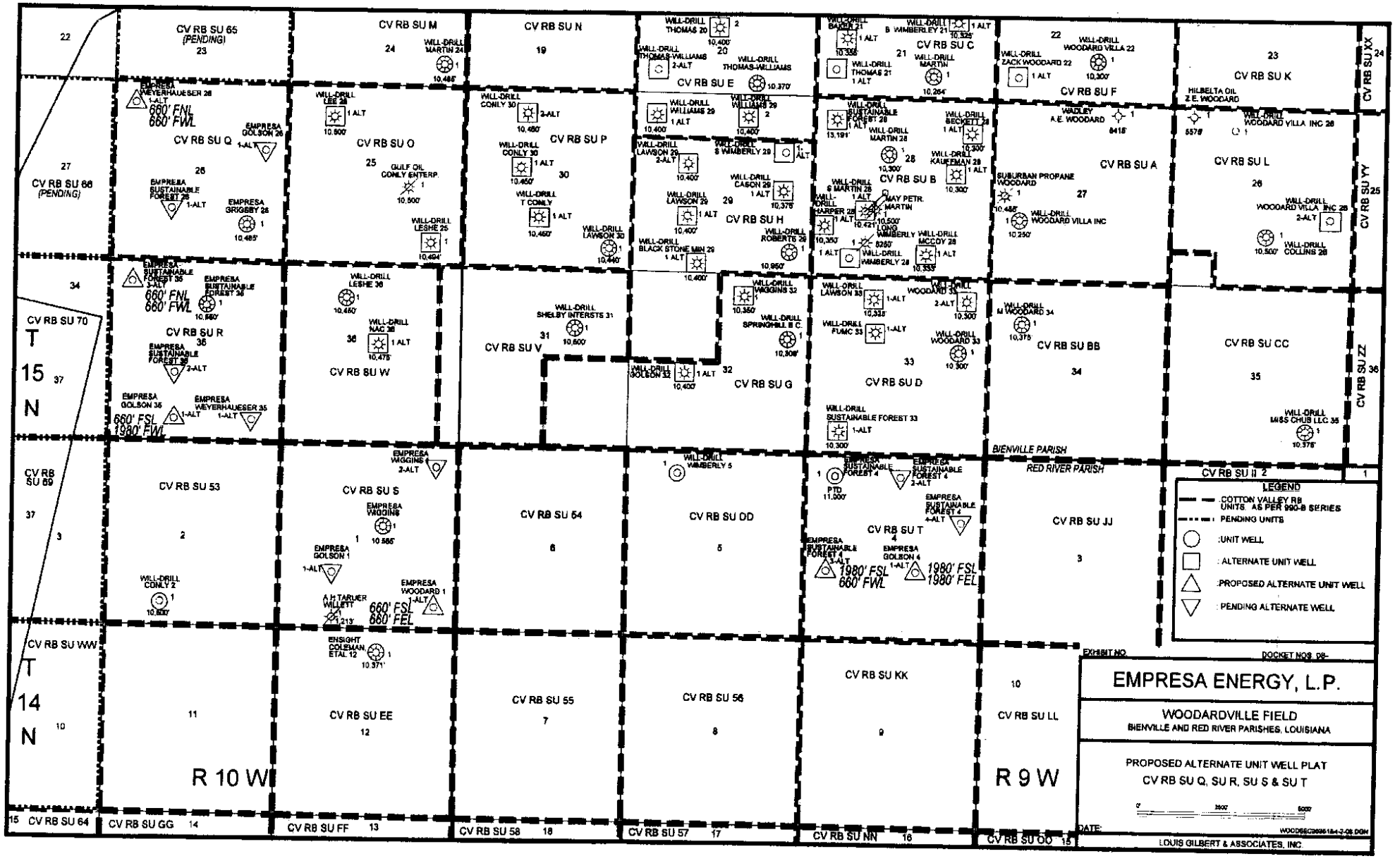
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