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March 4, 2008

Honorable James H. Welsh  
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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 create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated HOSS RB SU67 and HOSS RB SU72.
2. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, such units being shown on an attached plat and being designated CV RB SU67 and CV RB SU72.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional 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 a unit operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.
5. To permit Applicant to combine downhole production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B, with production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in any well drilled on the identical units proposed for these formations in which well the interests in the units are identical.
6. To redefine the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, INsofar AND ONLY INsofar as to the additional units proposed herein, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 9,383 feet and 10,200 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Will-Drill Production Co., Inc.--Woodard Villa Inc. No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 9 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

7. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 990-C series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Hosston Formation, Reservoir B.

8. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of the Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B.

9. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

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

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir B, in the Woodardville Field, Bienville and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B, effective September 13, 2005, and was redefined as to certain units in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-10, effective January 9, 2007, Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-23, effective July 17, 2007, and Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-61, effective January 16, 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. Louis 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.

Any person receiving a copy of this letter who has questions concerning where their property is in relation to the proposed units should call Mr. Jim Dodson at (318) 425-0424.

By letter dated February 21, 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 March 13, 2008, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No timely conference request was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

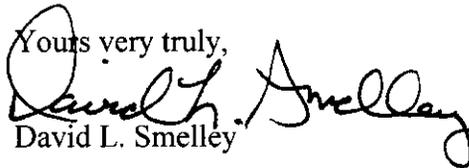
Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats (which are identical to the unit plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and 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 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 plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal

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Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Woodardville 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 Empresa Energy, L.P.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

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



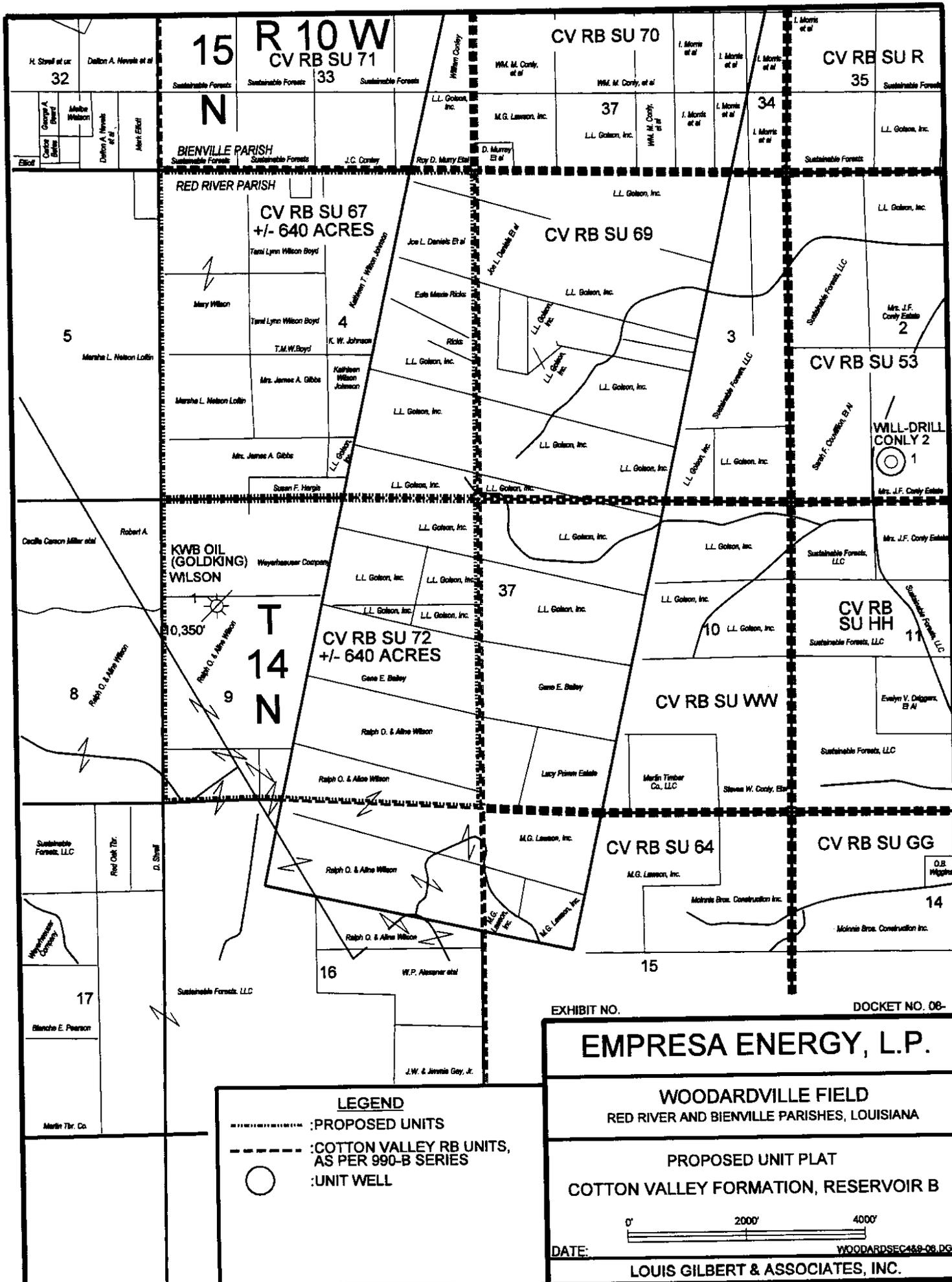


EXHIBIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. 08-

# EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P.

WOODARDVILLE FIELD  
RED RIVER AND BIENVILLE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT  
COTTON VALLEY FORMATION, RESERVOIR B



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ WOODARDSEC48-08.DGN

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

**LEGEND**

- : PROPOSED UNITS
- : COTTON VALLEY RB UNITS, AS PER 990-B SERIES
- : UNIT WELL