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May 1, 2008

Mr. Todd Keating  
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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS AND E-MAIL**

RE: Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A  
Johnson Branch Field  
Caddo Parish, Louisiana  
Our File No. 230765.0125

Dear Todd:

This will confirm our telephone conversation today wherein I requested a hardship waiver of the Pre-Application Requirements of Rule 3 based upon the fact that CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC. has leases covering lands in the proposed HA RA SUS, HA RA SUT and HA RA SUU, with primary terms expiring between June 13, 2008 and July 23, 2008.. A copy of the plat showing the expiring acreage is also enclosed herewith. In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, Chesapeake Operating, Inc. will file today its Hearing Application seeking to create three (3) additional drilling and production units (to be designated as HA RA SUS, HA RA SUT and HA RA SUU) for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Johnson Branch Field, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Please send me a confirmation of the granting of this hardship waiver under Rule 8.

Thanking you for your cooperation and with kindest regards, I remain

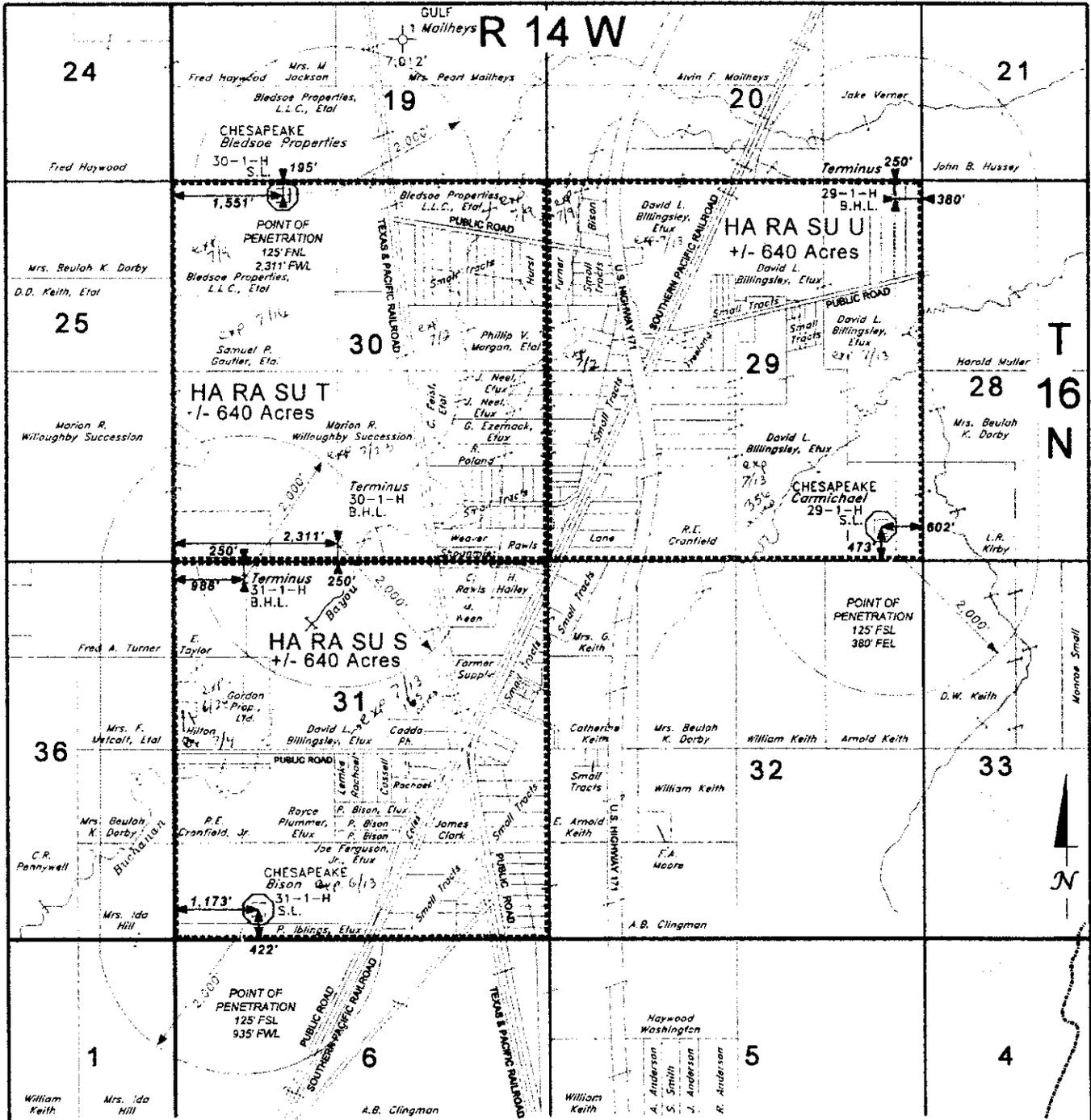
Very truly yours,

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By:   
Wm. Timothy Allen III

Attorneys for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

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Enclosures



NOTE: THE WELLS WILL NOT BE PERFORATED LESS THAN 330' FROM ANY UNIT LINES.

○ - PROPOSED UNIT WELLS

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NOTE: ALL UNIT BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC.

NOTE: 2,000' RADIUS MEASURED INTO ADJACENT UNITS

EXHIBIT No.

DOCKET No.

**CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.**

**JOHNSON BRANCH FIELD  
CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**Proposed Units  
Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A**

Date:



Geology: JOE B. ADAMS

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RE: HEARING APPLICATION  
Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A  
Johnson Branch  
Caddo Parish, Louisiana  
Our File No. 230765.0125

Dear Sir:

On behalf of CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC., application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Johnson Branch Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units (to be designated as HA RA SUS, HA RA SUT and HA RA SUU) for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Johnson Branch Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed units, with allocation of production from the unit well to the tracts within each such unit to be on the basis of surface acreage.
3. To designate Chesapeake Operating, Inc. as the unit operator and to designate unit wells for said units, if appropriate.
4. With respect to future horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the proposed units and in the Johnson Branch Field, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, 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. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 994-D, effective July 10, 2007, to the proposed units.
6. To consider such other matters and issue such orders as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

Commissioner of Conservation  
May 1, 2008  
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The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Johnson Branch Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 994-D, effective July 10, 2007 .

In accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure, the Office of Conservation has waived the Pre-Application Notice requirements, and accordingly Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure is not applicable.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, Chase Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71163-1126. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Wm. Timothy Allen III at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write Mr. Allen at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A Pre-Hearing Conference WILL BE HELD on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chase Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, to discuss the proposed application.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By:

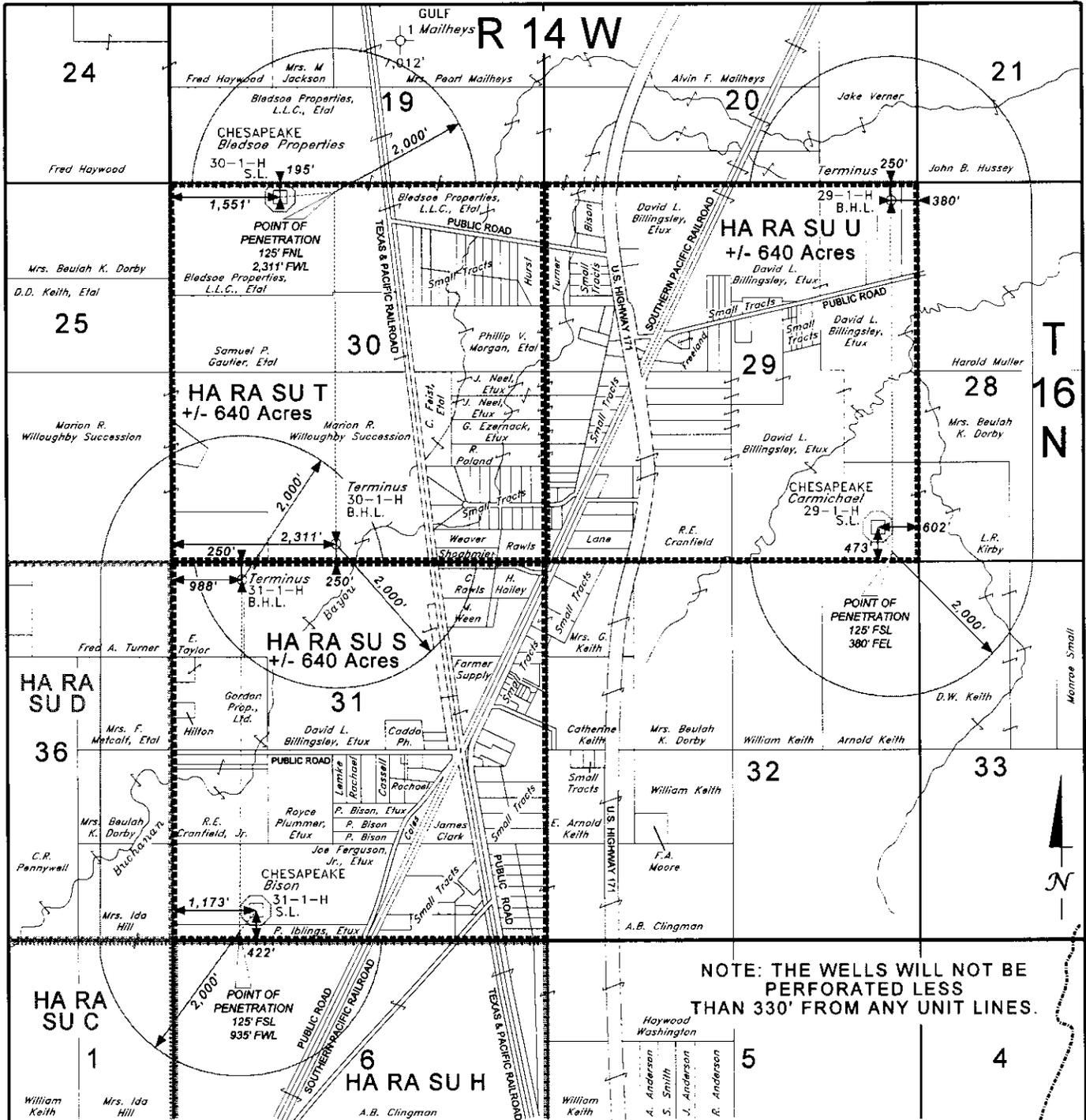


Wm. Timothy Allen III

Attorneys for Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

WTAI:kmw  
Enclosures

- cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport  
District Manager (w/enclosures)
- cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)



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-  - PROPOSED UNIT WELLS
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-  - EXISTING HA UNIT (JOHNSON BRANCH FIELD)
-  - EXISTING HA UNIT (CASPIANA FIELD)
-  - PENDING HA UNIT (CASPIANA FIELD)

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**CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.**

**JOHNSON BRANCH FIELD**  
**CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**Proposed Units**  
**Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

0'      2000'      4000'      6000'

Geology: JOE B. ADAMS