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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 and for CV RB SUQ, one (1) additional alternate unit well for HOSS RB SUR and for CV RB SUR, one (1) additional alternate unit well for HOSS RB SUS and for CV RB SUS, three (3) alternate unit wells for HOSS RB SUWW and for CV RB SUWW, three (3) alternate unit wells for HOSS RB SU69 and for CV RB SU69, and one (1) alternate unit well for HOSS RB SU71 and for CV RB SU71, 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 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, was redefined as to the units designated CV RB SUQ, CV RB SUR, CV RB SUS by Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-10, effective January 9, 2007, and was redefined as to the units designated CV RB SUWW, CV RB SU69 and CV RB SU71 by Office of Conservation Order No. 990-B-57, effective January 8, 2008.

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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.

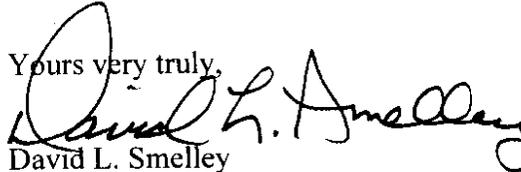
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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.

DLS:dp

Enclosures

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

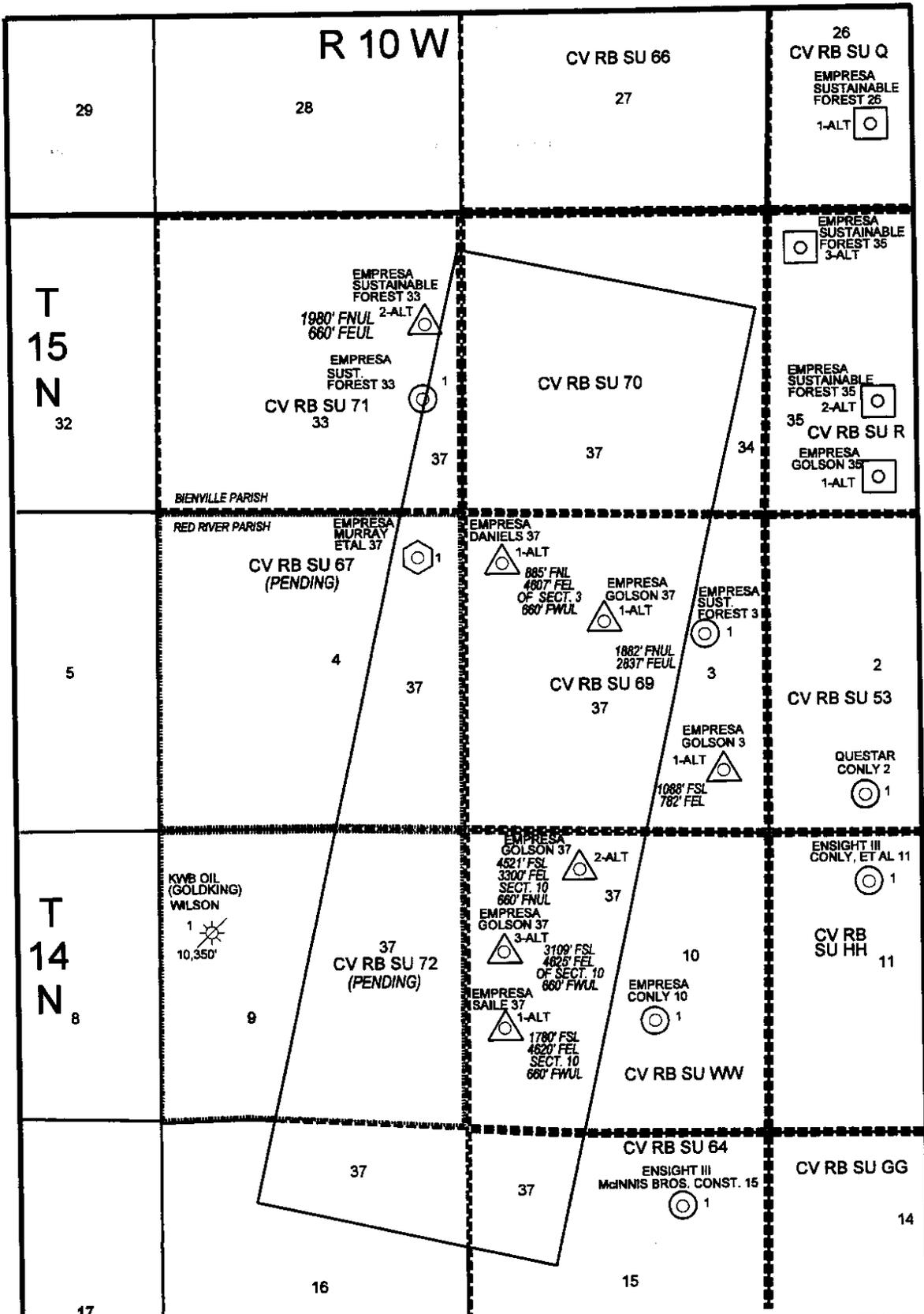


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EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P.

WOODARDVILLE FIELD
RED RIVER AND BIENVILLE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RB SU 69, SU 71 & SU WW



DATE: _____ WOODARD08C2810-08.DWG
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LEGEND

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- : COTTON VALLEY RB UNITS, AS PER 890-B SERIES
- : UNIT WELL
- : PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- : PENDING UNIT WELL

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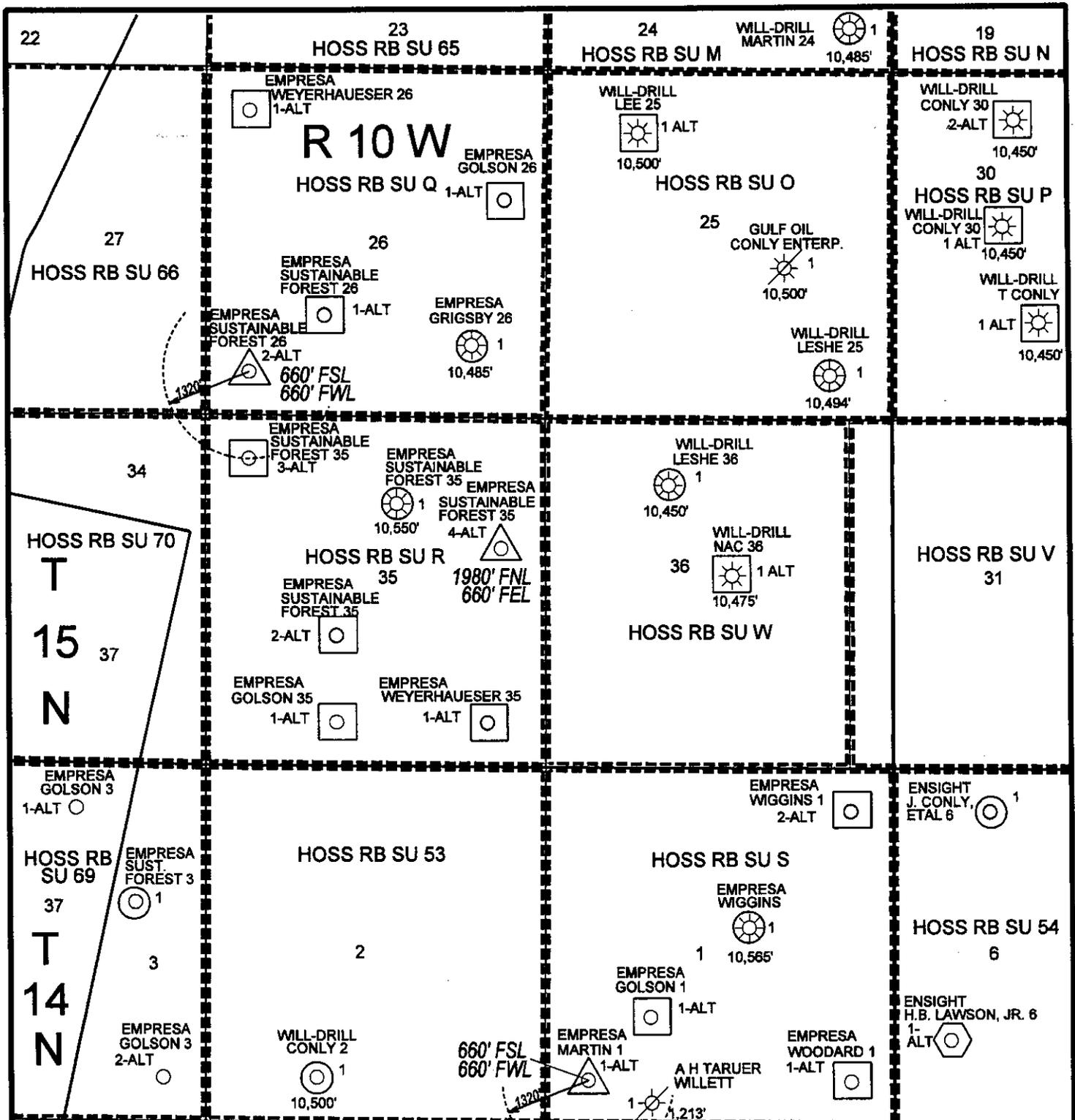


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WOODARDVILLE FIELD
RED RIVER AND BIENVILLE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSSTON RB SU Q, SU R AND SU S



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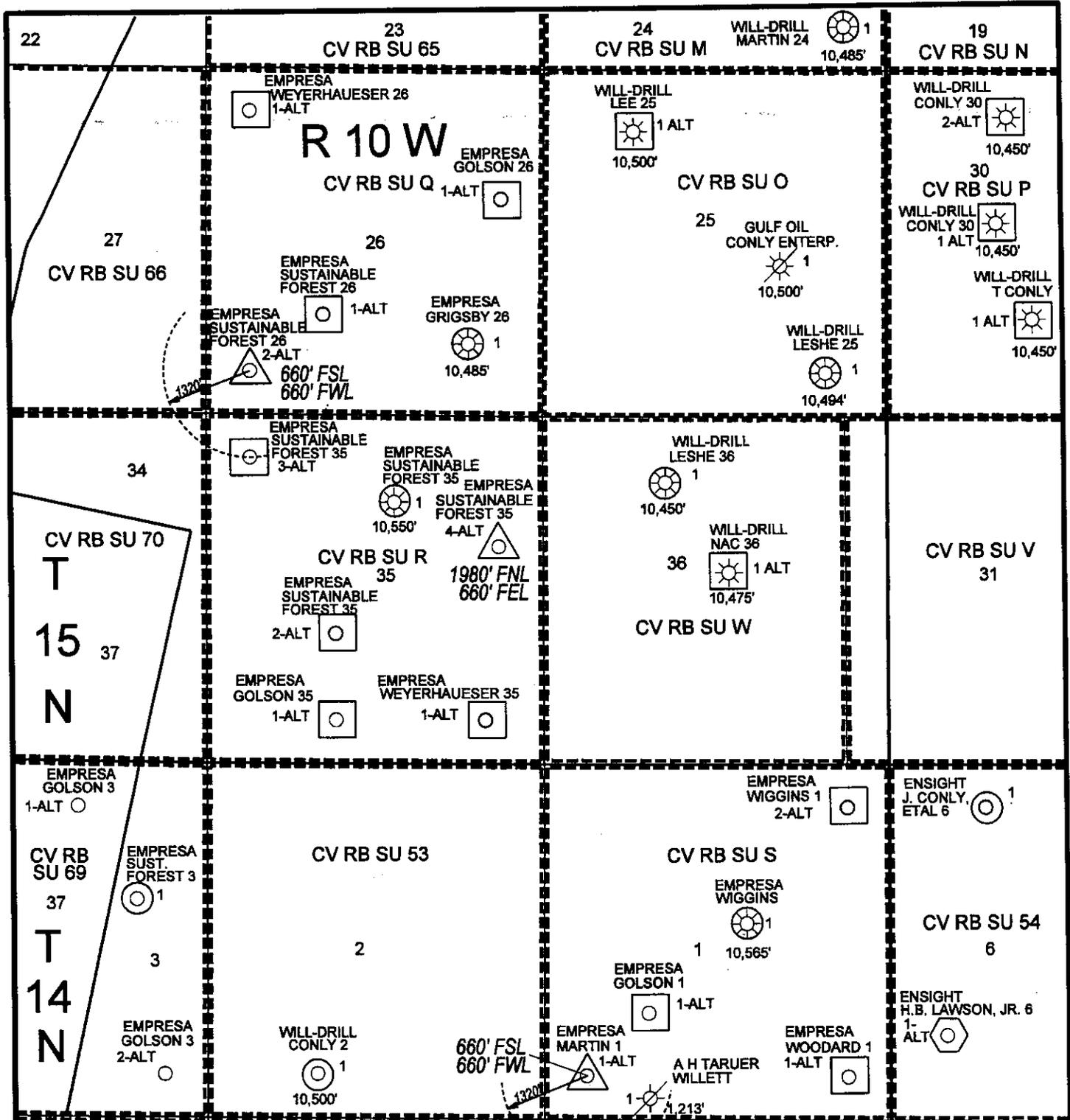


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WOODARDVILLE FIELD
RED RIVER AND BIENVILLE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RB SU Q, SU R & SU S



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