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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.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, HOLLY
FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO E&P COMPANY, 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 Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) horizontal wells as additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUG at the locations shown on the attached plat, with the location of one of the proposed wells being in lieu of the location approved by Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E-132, effective May 5, 2009, and to approve exceptions to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975, for all productive portions of the wellbores of these wells located at least 330 feet from a unit boundary.

2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize one (1) horizontal well as an additional alternate unit well for CV RA SUH at the location shown on the attached plat, in lieu of the location approved by Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E-133, effective May 5, 2009, and to approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975, for all productive portions of the wellbore of this well located at least 330 feet from a unit boundary.

3. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize three (3) horizontal wells as additional alternate unit wells for CV RA SUW at the locations shown on the attached plat, with the location of one of the proposed wells being in lieu of the location approved by Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E-134, effective May 5, 2009, and to approve exceptions to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975, for all productive portions of the wellbores of these wells located at least 330 feet from a unit boundary.

4. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying the unit on which it is to be located which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

5. To provide that where the horizontal portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and

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between offset wells will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not on the penetration point or terminus of the well in the Cotton Valley Formation.

6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, 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 Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

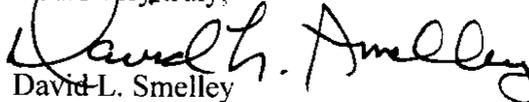
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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 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 Holly 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,



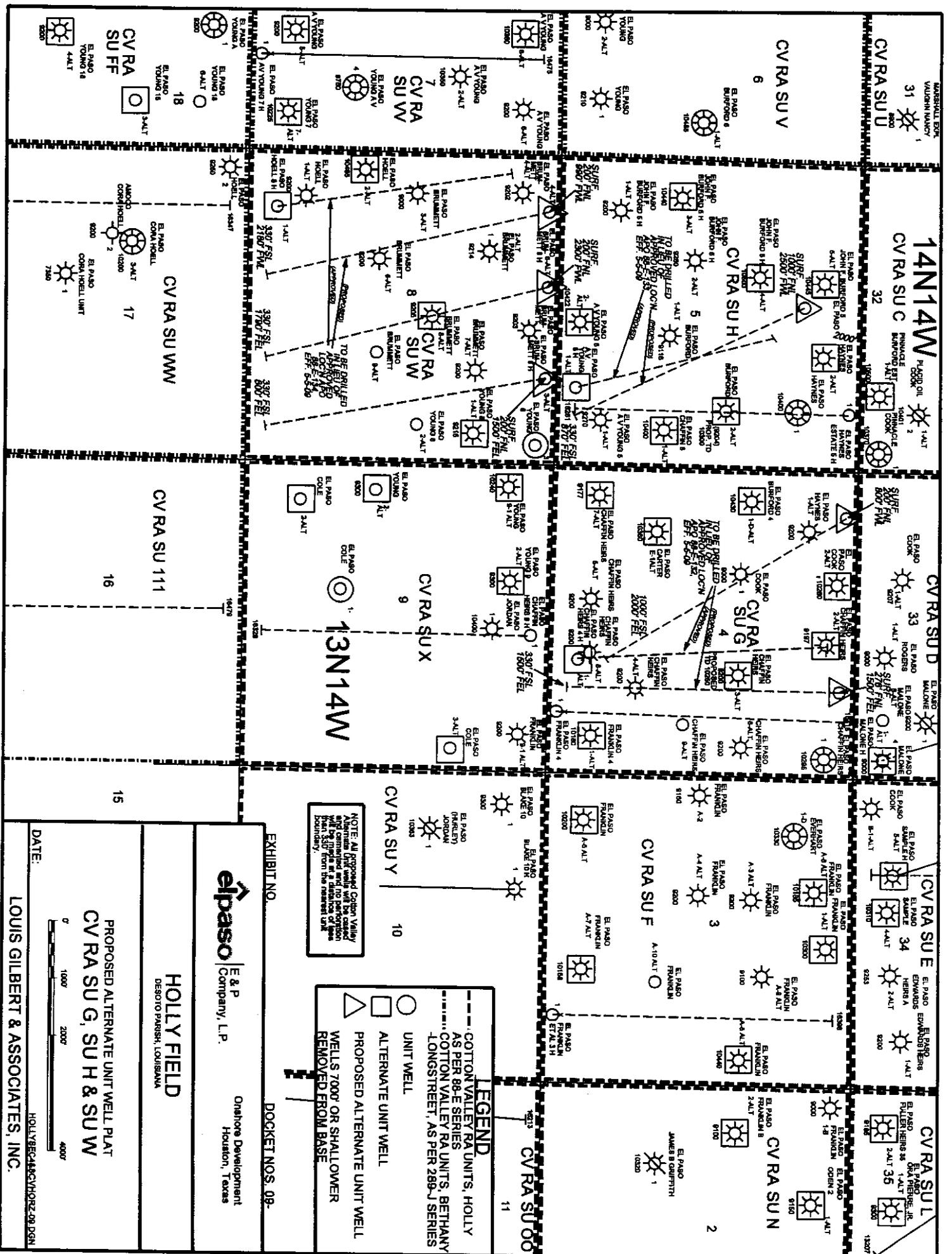
David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Don Young (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)



NOTE: All proposed Cotton Valley RA Units are shown as dashed lines and are not to be construed as a delineation of lease boundaries.

LEGEND
 --- COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS, HOLLY AS PER 89-E SERIES
 - - - COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS, BETHANY LONGSTREET, AS PER 289-J SERIES
 ○ UNIT WELL
 □ PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
 △ WELLS 700' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO. **elpaso** E & P Company, L.P.
 Onshore Development
 Houston, Texas

HOLLY FIELD
 DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RA SU G, SU H & SU W



DATE: _____
 LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.
 HOLLY FIELD, DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

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