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February 2, 2009

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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 A; and Cotton Valley  
Formation, Reservoir A; CASPIANA FIELD, Caddo  
and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY ("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 A, and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize ten (10) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SUG and for CV RA SUG at the locations shown on the attached plats.
2. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A, effective February 15, 1975 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), and of Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), for the location of any of the proposed alternate unit wells 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 Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SUG, and a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUG, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on these units.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo, DeSoto and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-B, effective April 15, 1975.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Caspiana Field, Caddo, DeSoto and Red River Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 191-A,

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effective February 15, 1975, and was further defined in Order No. 191-A-5, effective February 22, 1983.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis F. Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing 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 data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

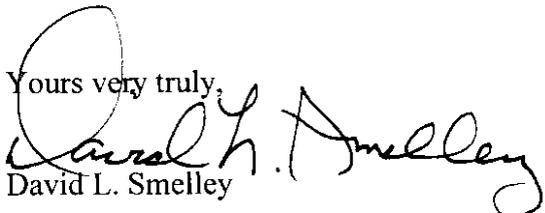
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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 plats, 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 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 Caspiana 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, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Matador Production Company

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Cody Hubbell (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

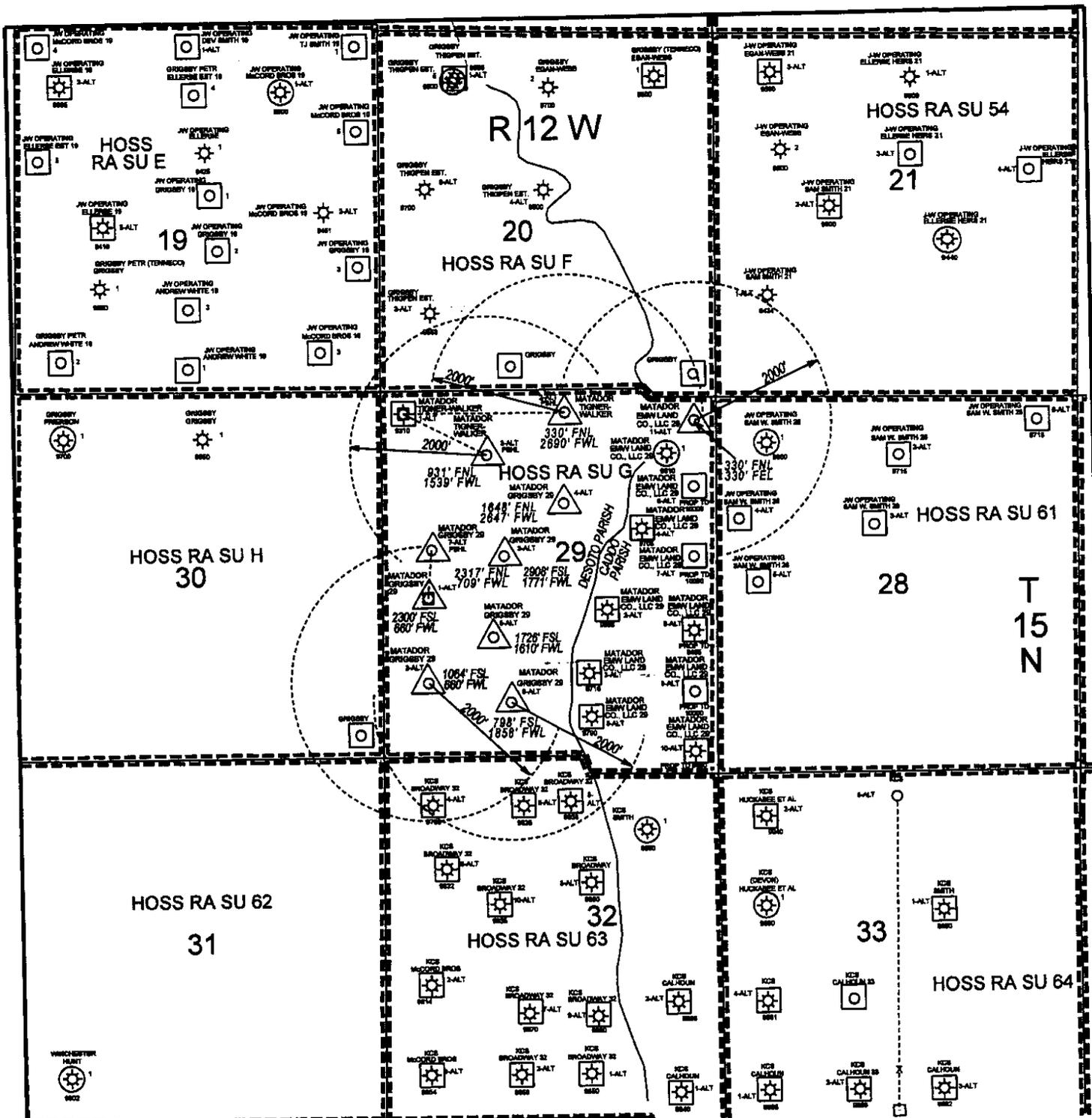


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**MATADOR PRODUCTION COMPANY**

**CASPIANA FIELD**  
CADDO AND DESOTO PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT  
**HOSS RA SU G**

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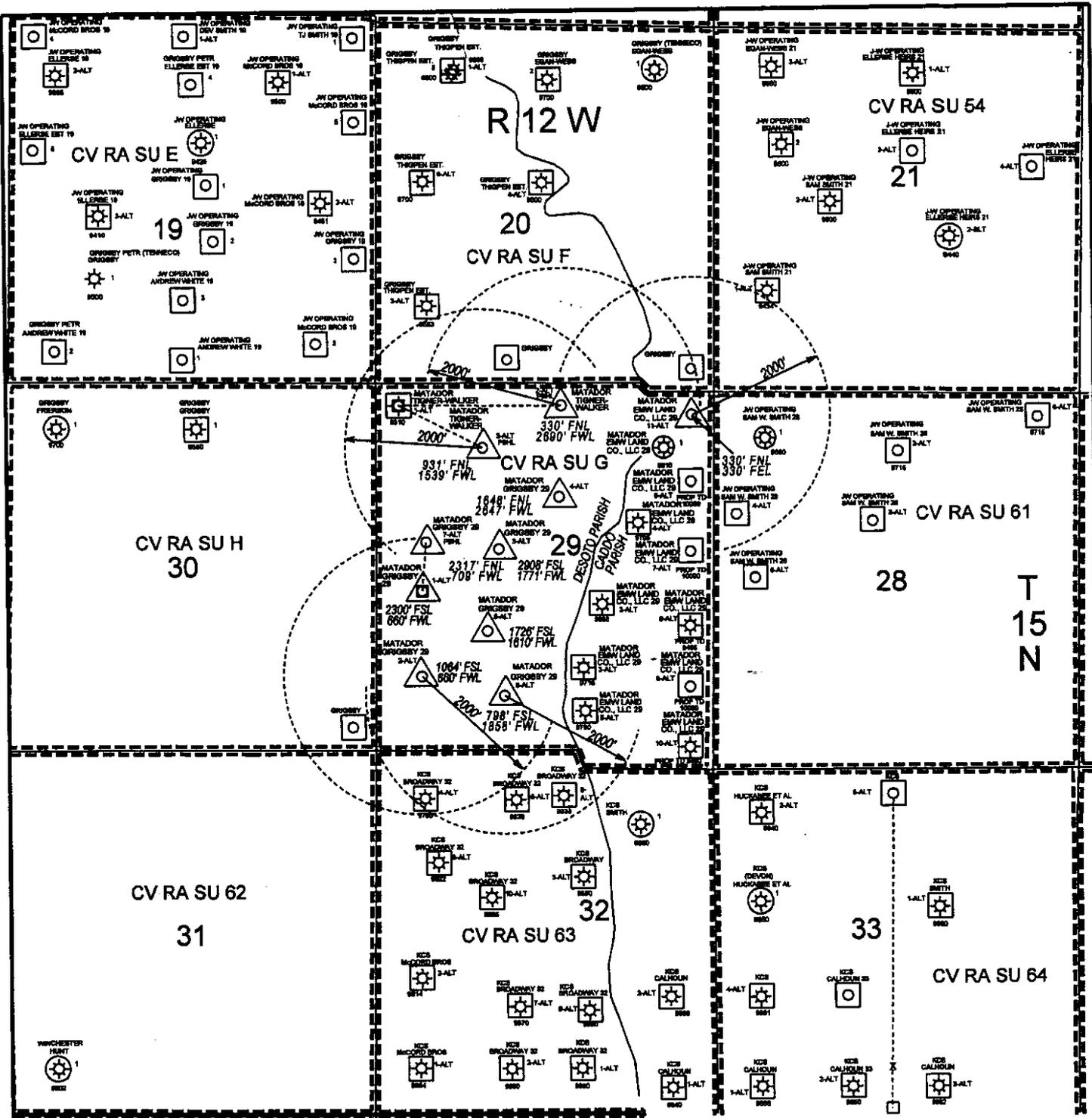
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**LEGEND**

- HOSSTON UNITS AS PER 191-B SERIES OF ORDERS
- -UNIT WELL
- -ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ -PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS LESS THAN 5000'  
REMOVED FROM BASE



**LEGEND**

- - - - - COTTON VALLEY UNITS AS PER 191-A SERIES OF ORDERS
- - UNIT WELL
- - ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- △ - PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

*WELLS LESS THAN 5000' REMOVED FROM BASE*

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT  
**CV RA SU G**

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