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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, and Lower
Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, BEAR CREEK
FIELD, Bienville 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, and to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated LCV RA SUA.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit 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.
3. To designate a unit operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
4. To propose that future wells drilled to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
5. To define the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 12,440 feet

and 16,105 feet in the EOG Resources, Inc. (formerly J-W Operating Co.)--Davis Bros 20 No. 1 Well, located in Section 20, Township 16 North, Range 4 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

6. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-60, effective March 26, 2002, authorizing downhole combination of production from the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, and the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, with respect to the previously created units for these zones which are identical to proposed LCV RA SUA and previously created CV RA SUB, so as to include production from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in any well in which the interests in the units from which production is to be combined downhole are identical.

7. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV RA SUB, at the location shown on an attached plat.

8. To find that a substitute unit well for CV RA SUB is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying CV RA SUB which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such unit.

9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-O, effective June 1, 1968.

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. 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.

By letter dated January 29, 2009, 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 February 20, 2009, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request was received within the time provided for in the Revised Rules of Procedure; 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

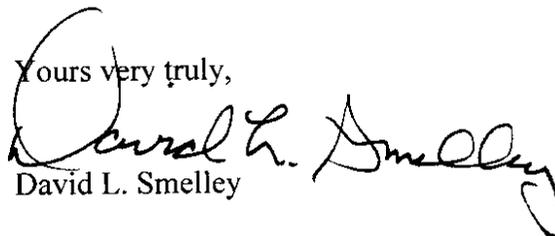
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addresses of such parties. A copy of each of the unit plats (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of 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 Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek 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,

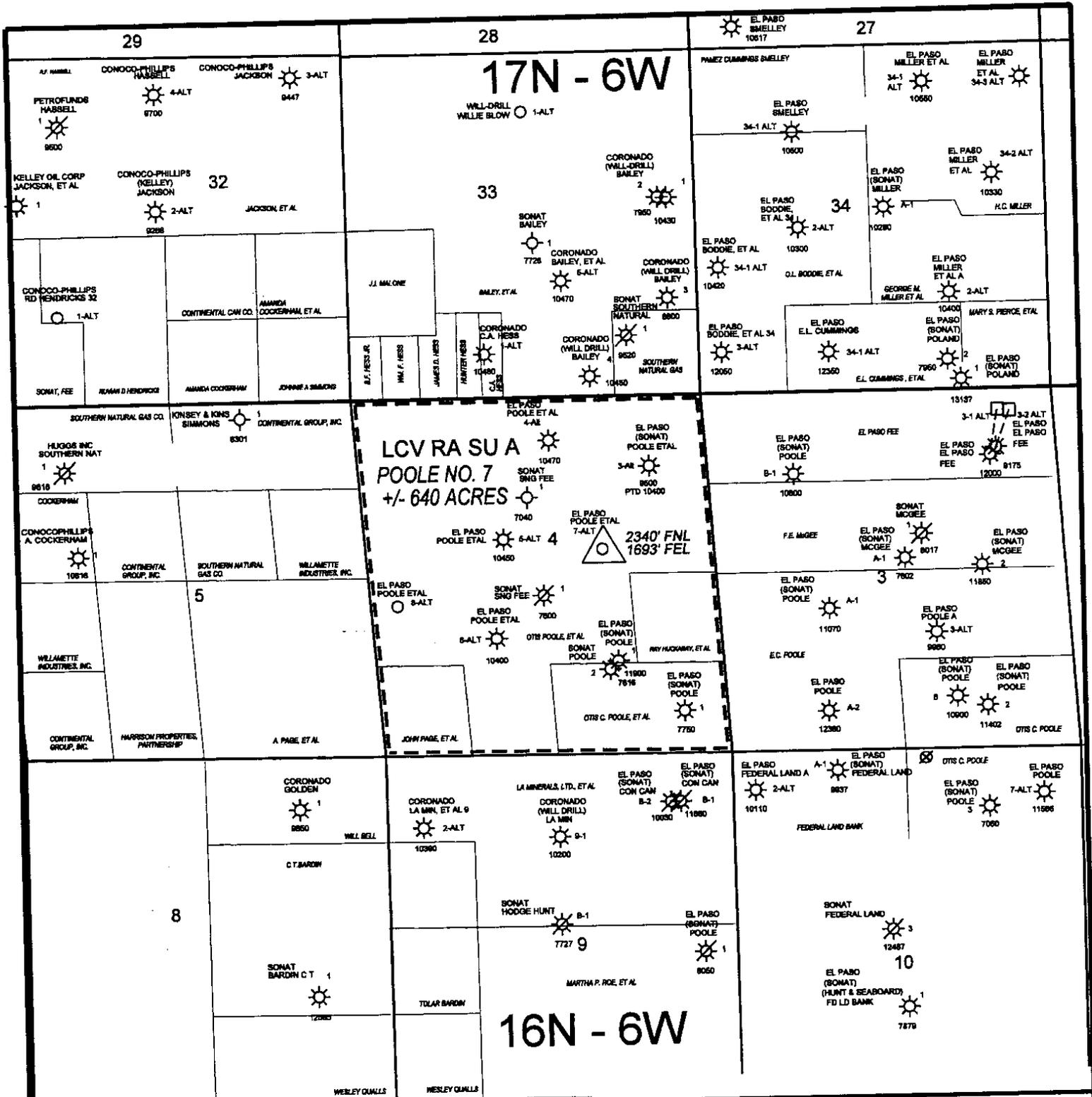


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Enclosures

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



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-  PROPOSED UNIT
-  PROPOSED UNIT WELL

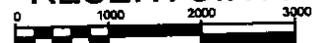
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PROPOSED UNIT PLAT
**LOWER COTTON VALLEY ZONE,
RESERVOIR A**



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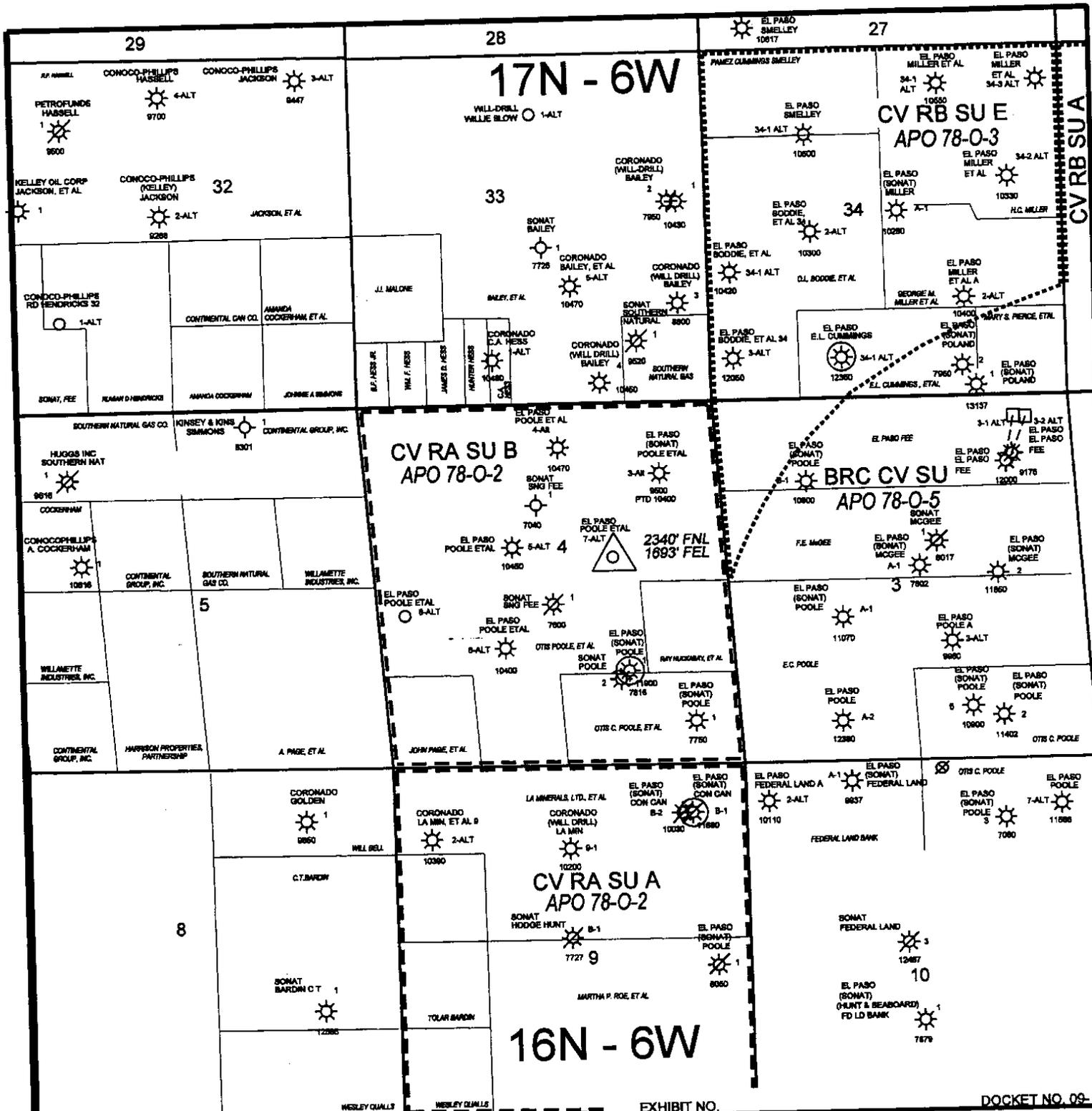


EXHIBIT NO. _____ DOCKET NO. 09-

LEGEND

- COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIRWIDE UNIT, AS PER 78-0-5
- - - - - COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A UNITS, APO 78-0-2
- - - - - COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR B UNITS, APO 78-0-3
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 6000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
CV RA SU B



DATE: _____ **LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.**