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February 20, 2009

Hon. James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A  
Converse Field  
Desoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Ellora Energy, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Units Q, R, S, T, U and V, Desoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana:

1. To create six (6) drilling and production units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, Sand Units Q, R, S, T, U and V, designated as the HA RA SUQ, HA RA SUR, HA RA SUS, HA RA SUT, HA RA SUU, and HA RA SUV, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To provide that, with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within the proposed units, in the event that the horizontal lateral 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 determined based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.

4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, Desoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Converse Field, DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that interval seen between the electrical log depths of 11,310' and 12,758' in the Placid Oil Company - Cates No. 1 Well, located in Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 13 West, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

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. A conference to discuss this application and any opposition thereto is hereby scheduled for 10:30 o'clock A.M. on March 6, 2009, at the Best Western Inn, 5131 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457. Any Interested Owner, Represented Party or Interested Party is welcome to attend and participate in the conference.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Converse Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Converse Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from James F. Hardwick & Associates, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, Louisiana 70098-0973, (337) 232-7756.

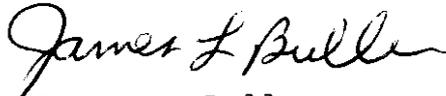
Enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. Also enclosed is a copy of the plat showing the proposed units. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties.

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Finally, enclosed please find our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties

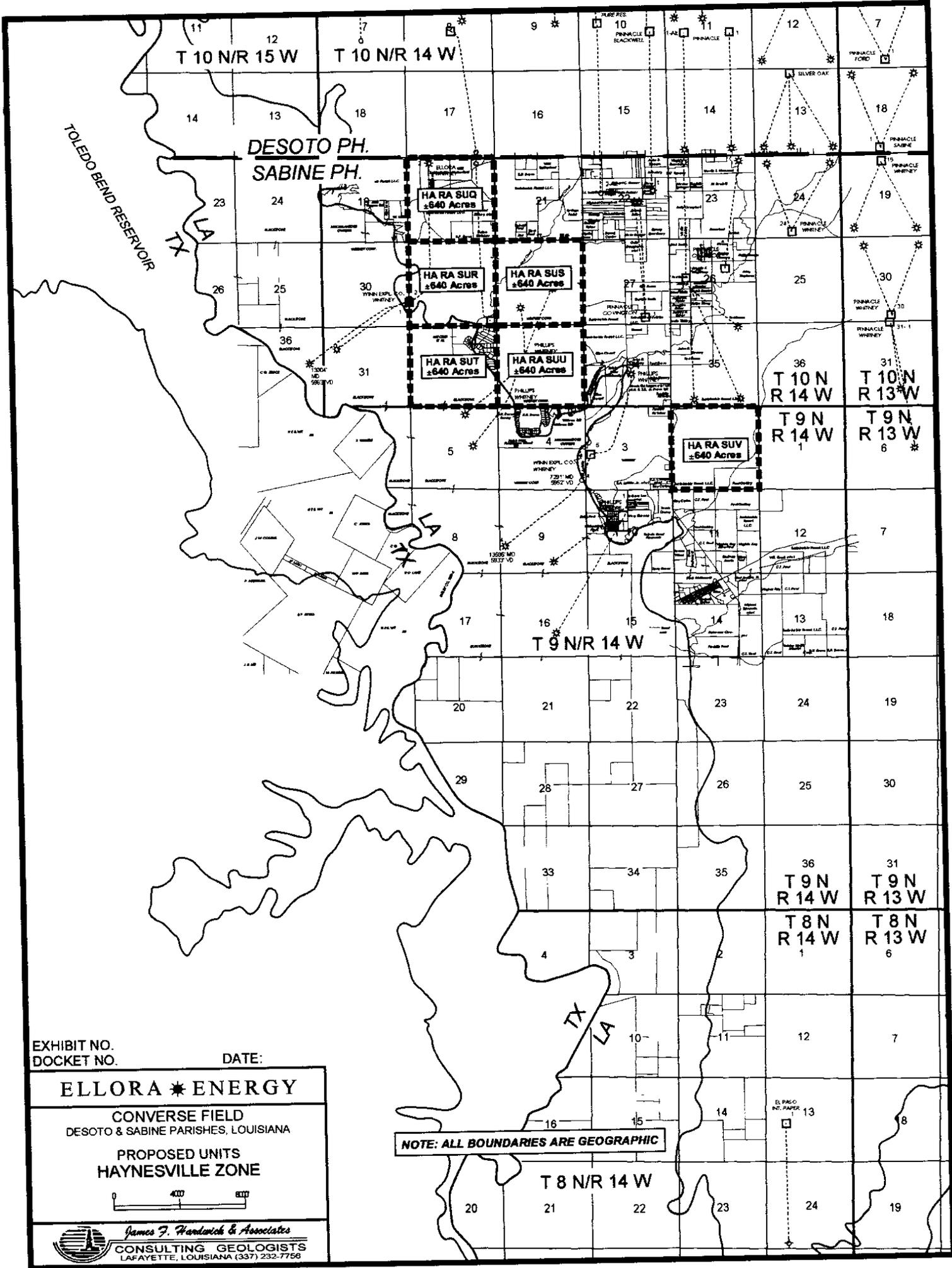


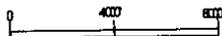
EXHIBIT NO.  
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DATE:

**ELLORA ENERGY**

CONVERSE FIELD  
DESOTO & SABINE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNITS  
HAYNESVILLE ZONE



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NOTE: ALL BOUNDARIES ARE GEOGRAPHIC

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