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Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Haynesville Zone, 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 Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated HA RA SUJJ.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
4. To provide that with respect to any horizontal well drilled within the proposed unit where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not based on the penetration point or terminus in the Haynesville Zone.
5. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-4, effective February 25, 2003, authorizing downhole combination of production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, with respect to previously created units for such formations which are identical to the unit proposed herein for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, so as to include production from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in any well in which the interests in the units from which production is to be combined downhole are identical.
6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-J, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented, to the proposed additional unit.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.

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The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-J, effective July 29, 2008.

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 data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

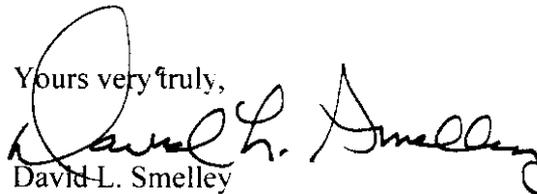
By letter dated February 13, 2009, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for March 5, 2009. No request for the conference was received within the time provided for in the Rules of Procedure; therefore no 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 addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat is enclosed herewith, and 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. Pete Foster (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

