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Honorable James H. Welsh
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A
Spider Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 410595.33

Dear Sir:

On behalf of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit (to be designated as HA RA SUF) for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed unit, with allocation of production to be on the basis of surface acreage;
3. To designate St. Mary Land & Exploration Company as the unit operator and to designate the St. Mary Land & Exploration Company - Johnson Trust 1 No. 2 Well as the unit well for HA RA SUF;
4. With respect to future horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the proposed unit and in the Spider Field, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and between wells will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus;
5. To provide that any future well drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the proposed unit, in the Spider Field, should be located no closer than 330 feet from any unit boundary and no closer than 660 feet to any other well completed in, drilling to, or for which a permit has been granted to drill to said reservoir;
6. To consider such other matters and issue such orders as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

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The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 10,248 feet and 11,867 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Bidas Energy - DeSoto Oil & Gas Trust 18 No. 1 Well, located in Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 14 West, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of the undersigned. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call the undersigned at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write the undersigned at the above address in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this application, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

By Pre-Application Notice dated November 10, 2008, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no timely request for a Pre-Application Conference, and accordingly, no conference was held.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

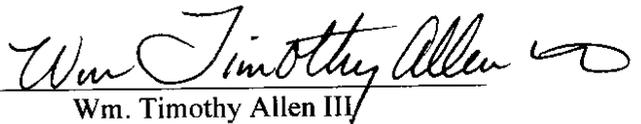
This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation, and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

You may have received this Hearing Application even though your property is not included in the proposed unit, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed unit.

Your receipt of this Hearing Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

Very truly yours,

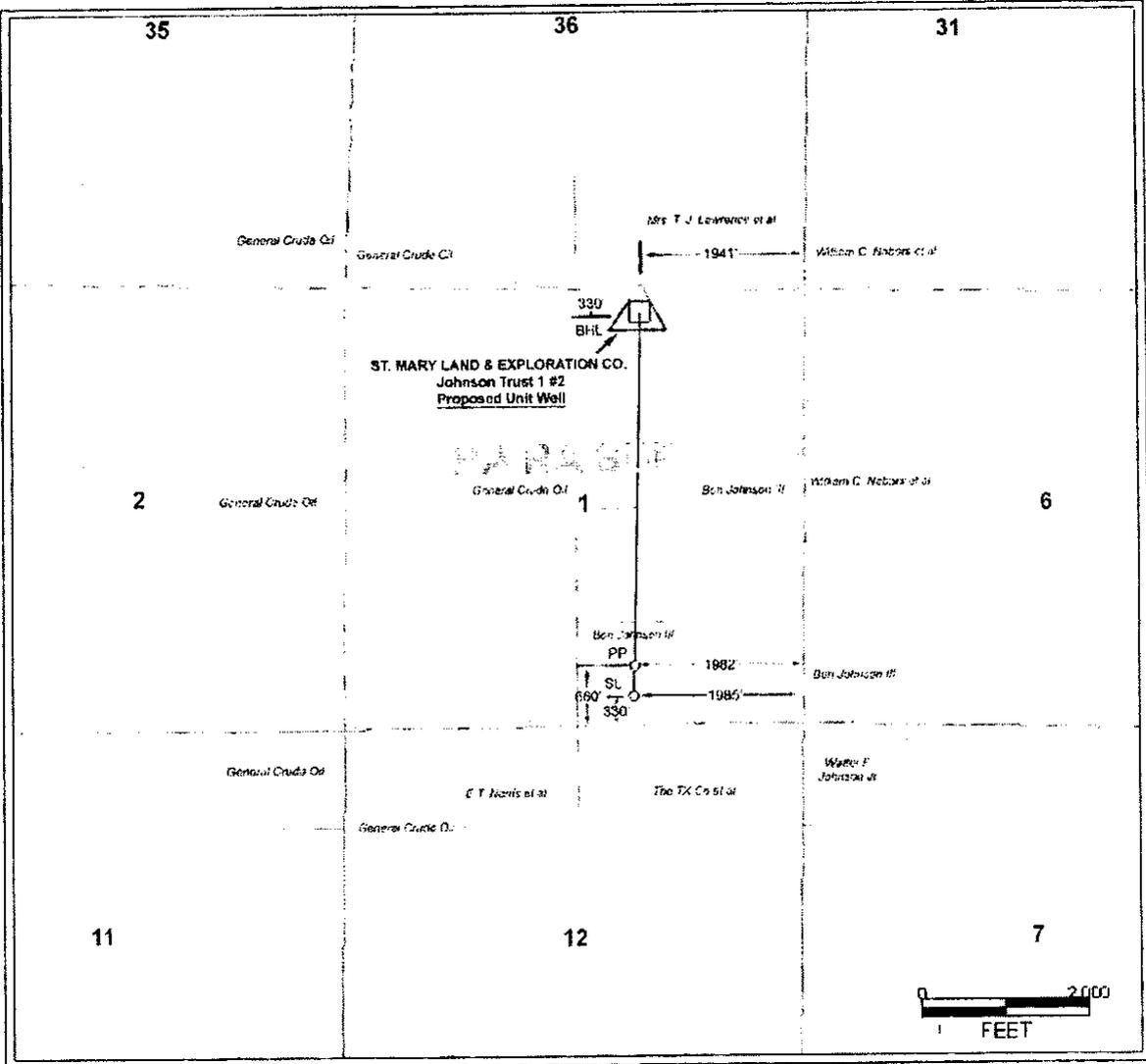
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager,
Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)

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NOTE: No well will be perforated closer than 330' to unit line.

 Proposed Unit Well for HA RA SUF
 Proposed Unit Outline for HA RA SUF

Docket No: _____
Date: _____
Exhibit No. 1

 ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY
SPIDER FIELD
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
**Proposed Haynesville Unit
HA RA SUF**
