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March 24, 2009

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hodge-Hunt Sand; Bain Sand, Reservoir C; Poland Sand, Reservoir D; Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A; and Hosston C 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 Hodge-Hunt Sand; Bain Sand, Reservoir C; Poland Sand, Reservoir D; Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A; and to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A; all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A
and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit each for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, and from the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated L HOSS A RA SUK and HOSS C RA SUY.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate an operator of, and unit well for, each of the proposed additional units as may be appropriate.

4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-AA series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.

5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 78-Y series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.

The Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980.

Hodge-Hunt Sand, Poland Sand,
Reservoir D, and
Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its La. Minerals, Ltd. 5 No. 1 Well as the unit well for H-H SUT and as the substitute unit well for HOSS B RA SUT and for POLAND RD SUA, at the location shown on attached plats, and to approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, for the location on H-H SUT as shown on an attached plat.

2. To find that a substitute unit well for HOSS B RA SUT and for POLAND RD SUA is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS B RA SUT, and a portion of the Poland Sand, Reservoir D, underlying POLAND RD SUA, which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing wells within these units.

The Hodge-Hunt Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, as the Hosston Formation (restricted) and was subsequently renamed the Hodge-Hunt Sand.

The Poland Sand, Reservoir D, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-P-4, effective January 14, 1997.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q-8, effective July 6, 1982.

Bain Sand, Reservoir C

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its La. Minerals, Ltd. 5 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for BAIN RC SUA, at the location shown on an attached plat.
2. To find that an alternate unit well for BAIN RC SUA is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, underlying BAIN RC SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
3. To permit the operator of BAIN RC SUA to produce the unit allowable from either the unit well, from the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.

The Bain Sand, Reservoir C, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-2, effective October 3, 2000, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-J-3, effective June 17, 2003.

All Intervals

1. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying H-H SUT, from the Bain Sand, Reservoir C, underlying BAIN RC SUA, from the Poland Sand, Reservoir D, underlying POLAND RD SUA, from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, underlying L HOSS A RA SUK, from the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS B RA SUT, and from the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS C RA SUY, or from any combination thereof, in any well located on these units in which the ownership interests in the units from which production is combined downhole are identical.
2. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to the proposals for any of these intervals.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Louis 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 Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated March 12, 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 April 8, 2009, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request

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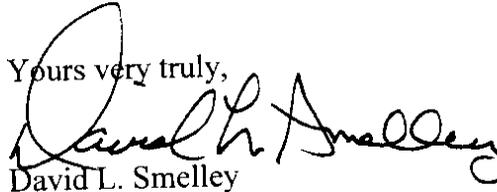
was received within the time provided for in the Revised Rules of Procedure; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

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 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,

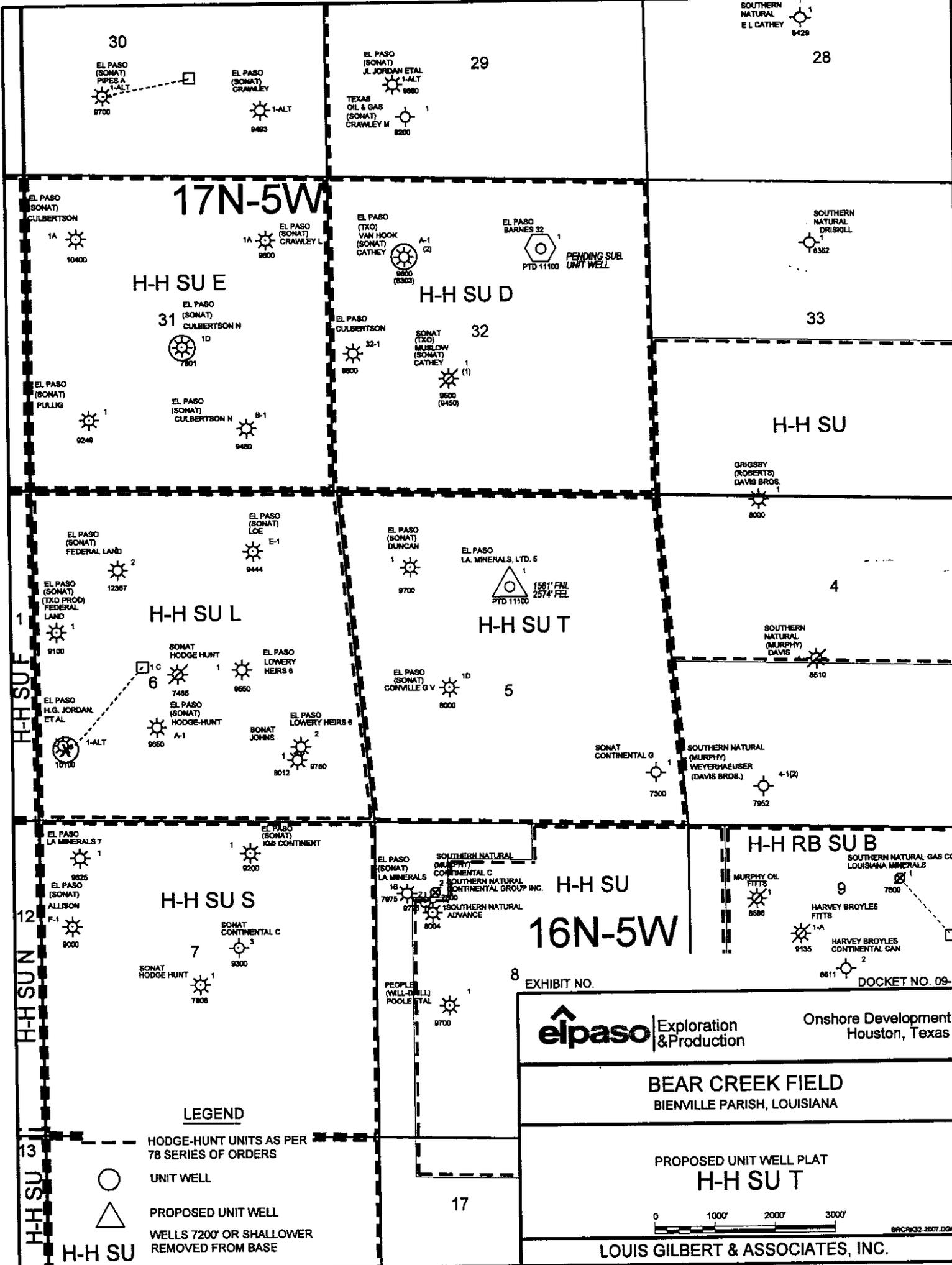


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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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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H-H SU E

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- HODGE-HUNT UNITS AS PER 78 SERIES OF ORDERS
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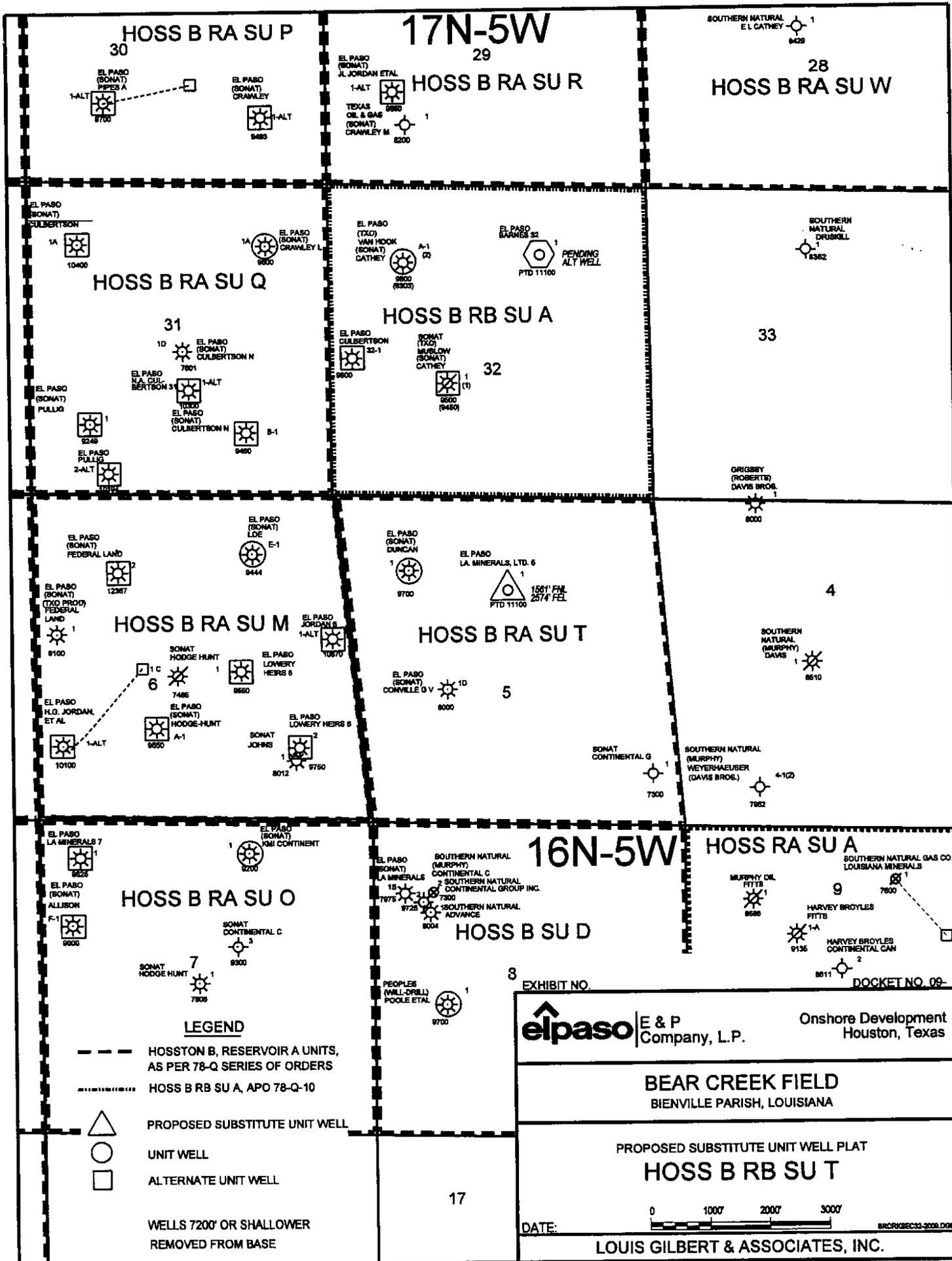
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PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT
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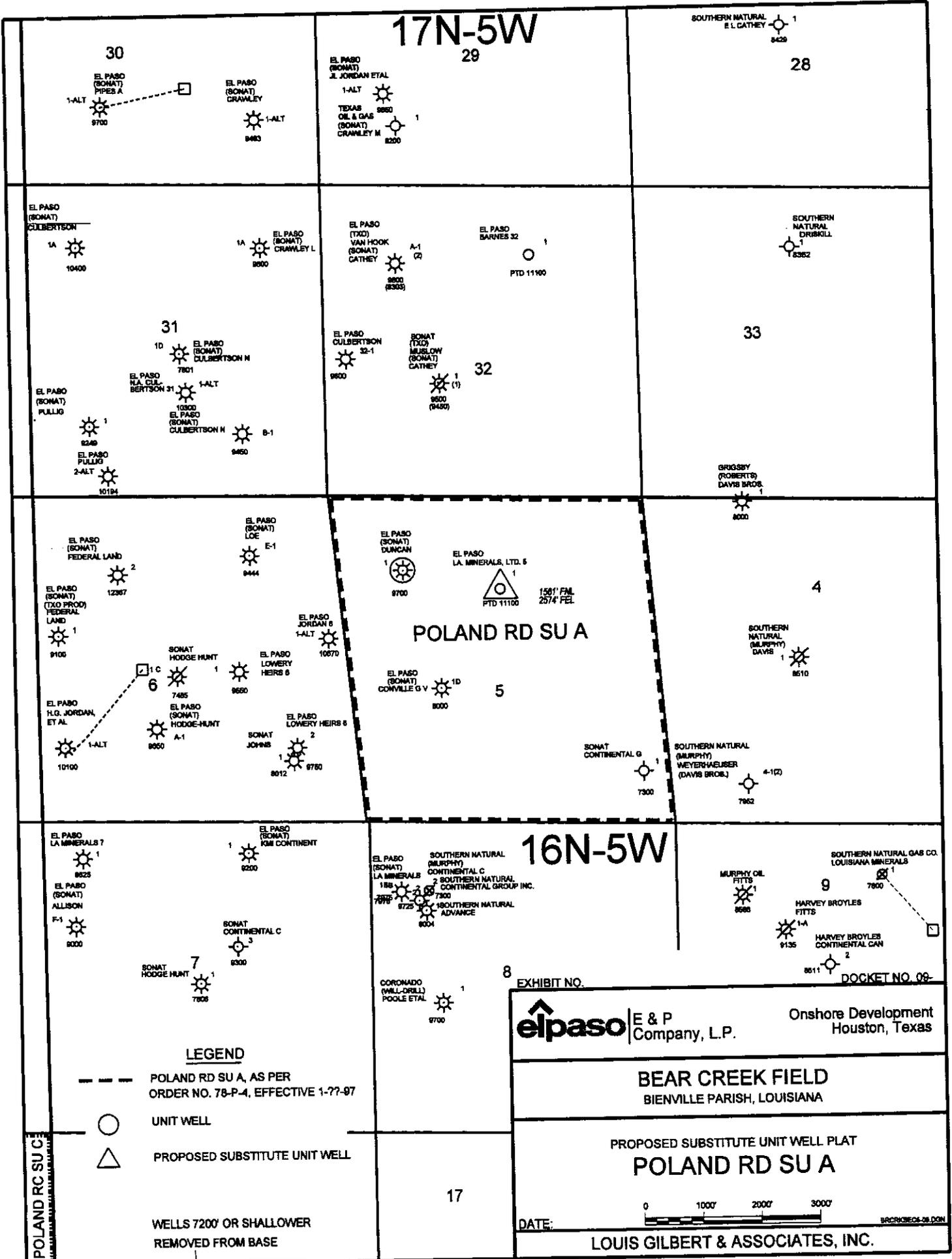
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EL PASO (SONAT) J. JORDAN ET AL
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EL PASO (SONAT) CULBERTSON
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EL PASO (SONAT) CRAWLEY L
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EL PASO (TXO) VAN HOOK (SONAT) GATHEY
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EL PASO (SONAT) CULBERTSON 31
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EL PASO (SONAT) CULBERTSON M
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SOUTHERN NATURAL (MURPHY) DAVIS
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EL PASO (SONAT) FEDERAL LAND
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SONAT HODGE HUNT
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EL PASO LOWERY HEIRS 6
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
BAIN RC SU A

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