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March 30, 2009

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

Re: Haynesville Zone,
Reservoir A
Converse and Benson Fields
DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Dear Sir:

Petrohawk Operating Company hereby makes application pursuant to the revised rules of procedure for a public hearing to consider evidence relating to the following matters pertaining to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Converse and Benson Fields, DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana:

Converse Field

1. To establish rules and regulations and create six drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Converse Field, Sabine Parish, Louisiana, to be designated HA RA SUZ, HA RA SUAA, HA RA SUBB, and HA RA SUCC, as shown outlined on the plats attached hereto and made a part hereof;

2. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units 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 unit wells and unit operators, as appropriate;

4. To provide that wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Converse Field be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit line and that there be not less than 660 feet between wells drilling to, completed in, or for which a permit has been issued to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A;

5. To provide that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed units, where 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 calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus;

6. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Converse Field, DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana, Louisiana, is to be defined as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 11,310 feet and 12,758 feet (electric log measurements) in the Placid Oil Company - Cates No. 1 Well located in Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 13 West, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

Benson Field

1. To create two additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Benson Field, DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana, Louisiana, to be designated HA RA SUJ and HA RA SUK, as shown outlined on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;

2. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units 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 unit wells and unit operators, as appropriate;

4. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 496-L, effective November 18, 2008, and all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed units;

5. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed units, where 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 calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus;

6. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate and necessary under the circumstances.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Benson Field, DeSoto and Sabine Parishes, Louisiana, Louisiana, is to be defined INSOFAR AS HA RA SUJ and HA RA SUK are concerned as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 11,135 feet and 13,140 feet (electric log measurements) in the Phillips Petroleum Company - Martin "B" No. 1 Well located in Section 32, Township 11 North, Range 10 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

A Pre-Application Notice dated March 13, 2009, was circulated in connection with this matter. There was no request for a conference received; accordingly, no conference will be held. In the Pre-Application Notice it was suggested that all six units addressed herein be placed in the Converse Field. It appears preferable that the proposed units comprising Sections 17 and 20, Township 10 North, Range 13 West, be placed in the Benson Field, as shown on the attached plats, and to the extent necessary the Pre-Application Notice is hereby amended in that respect.

Any pertinent data relating to these matters can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Craig Barclay, 522 Dumbarton Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106, at telephone number (318) 869-2223.

The list of parties attached to the copies of this application being sent to the Office of Conservation includes the names of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties known to Applicant after a diligent search. A copy of this application, with plats attached, is being sent to each such party. Pursuant to Office of Conservation regulations, the list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any person requesting a copy of it. Enclosed with the copy of this letter being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation is a check for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

COOK, YANCEY, KING & GALLOWAY

J. William Fleming

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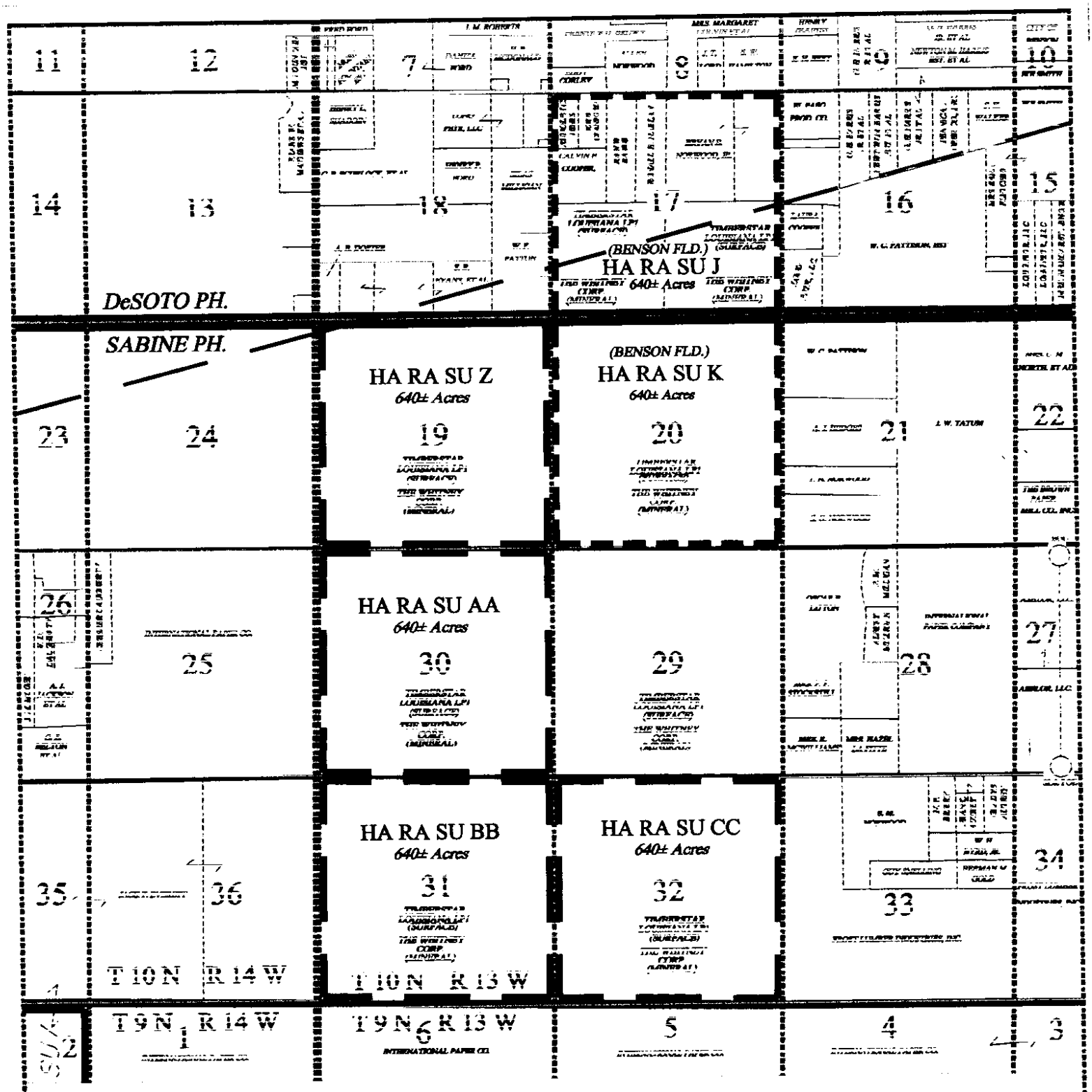
Enclosures
cc: James C. Broussard, District Manager
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties
Mr. Craig Barclay
Mr. Brian Owen



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PETROHAWK OPERATING COMPANY

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

CONVERSE FIELD

DeSOTO AND SABINE PARISHES, LOUISIANA

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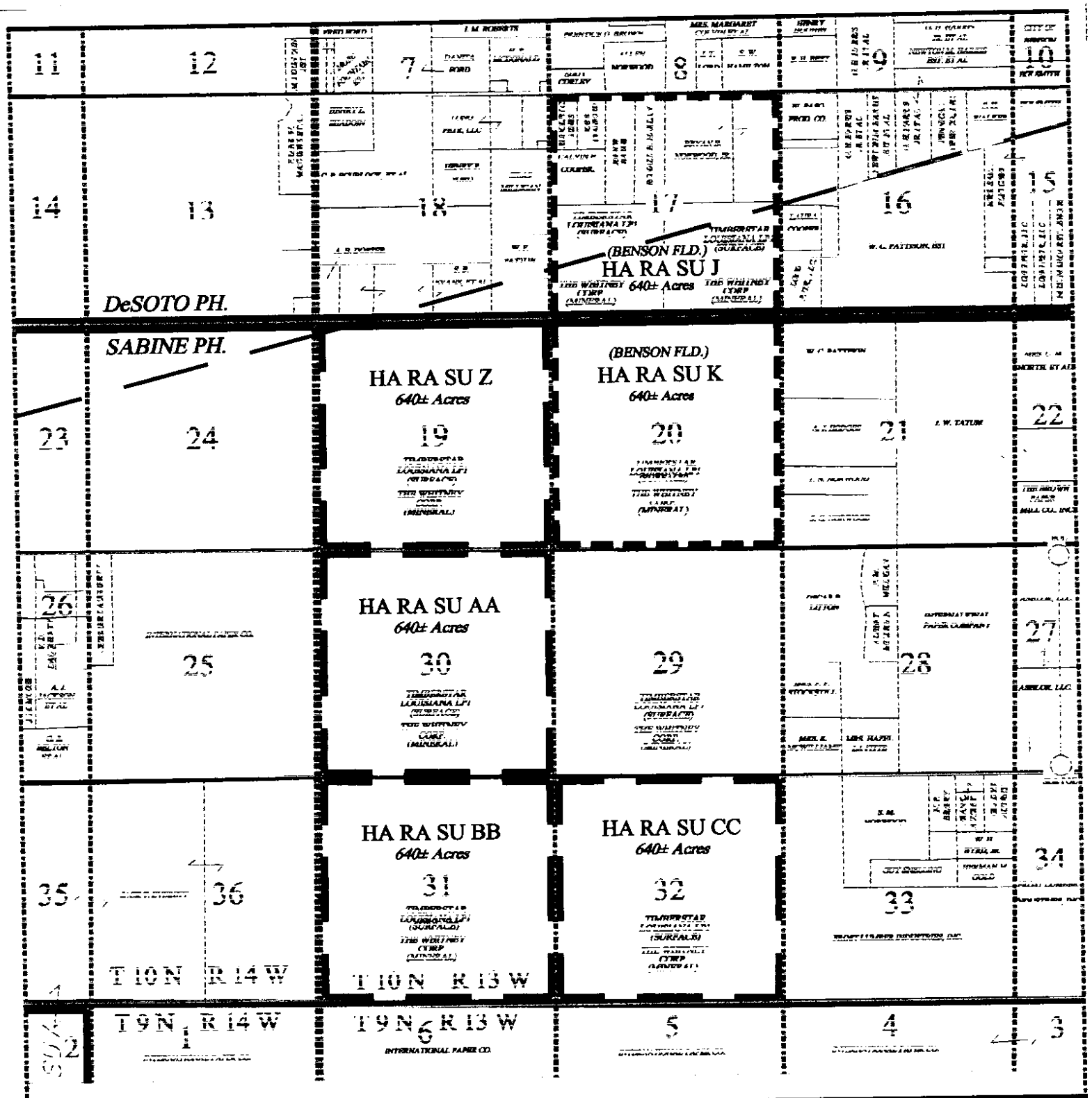

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