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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B; BETHANY-LONGSTREET 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 Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B; in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create eleven (11) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, such units being shown on attached plats and being designated HA RB SUNN through HA RB SUXX.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of 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 an operator of, and unit well for, each of the proposed units as may be appropriate.
4. To define the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, as to the proposed additional units HA RB SUNN through HA RB SUXX, as the stratigraphic equivalent of the gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 10,260 feet and 11,860 feet in the Bridas Energy USA, Inc.--David Mason 27 No. 1 Well, located in Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 15 West, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

5. To provide that for any horizontal well drilled within these proposed units, 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 or 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 of the well in the Haynesville Zone.

6. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-8, effective December 15, 1998; Order No. 289-11, effective October 1, 2002; Order No. 289-13, effective December 17, 2002; Order No. 289-14, effective February 11, 2003; Order No. 289-16, effective July 12, 2005; and Order No. 289-17, effective August 2, 2005; authorizing downhole combination of production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, with production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, so as to include production from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in any well in which the interests in the units from which production is to be combined downhole are identical.

7. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; and from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B; or any combination thereof, in any well drilled on HOSS RA SUGG, CV RA SUTT and HA RB SUNN, or on HOSS RA SU10, CV RA SUNN and HA RB SUTT, in which the interests in the units from which production is to be combined downhole are identical.

8. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R-1, effective April 29, 2008, and of all applicable Statewide Orders, to the proposed additional units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B.

9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to any of these proposals.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-J, effective March 1, 1974, and was further defined in Order No. 289-J-1, effective April 14, 1977.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir B, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-R-1, effective April 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

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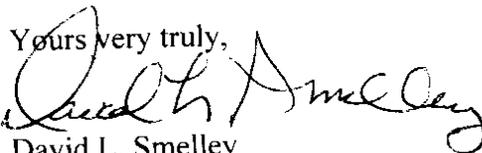
during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated April 9, 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 May 1, 2009, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No conference request was received within the time provided for in the 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 unit 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 Bethany-Longstreet 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.

DLS:dp
Enclosures
cc: Mr. James C. Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Don Young (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

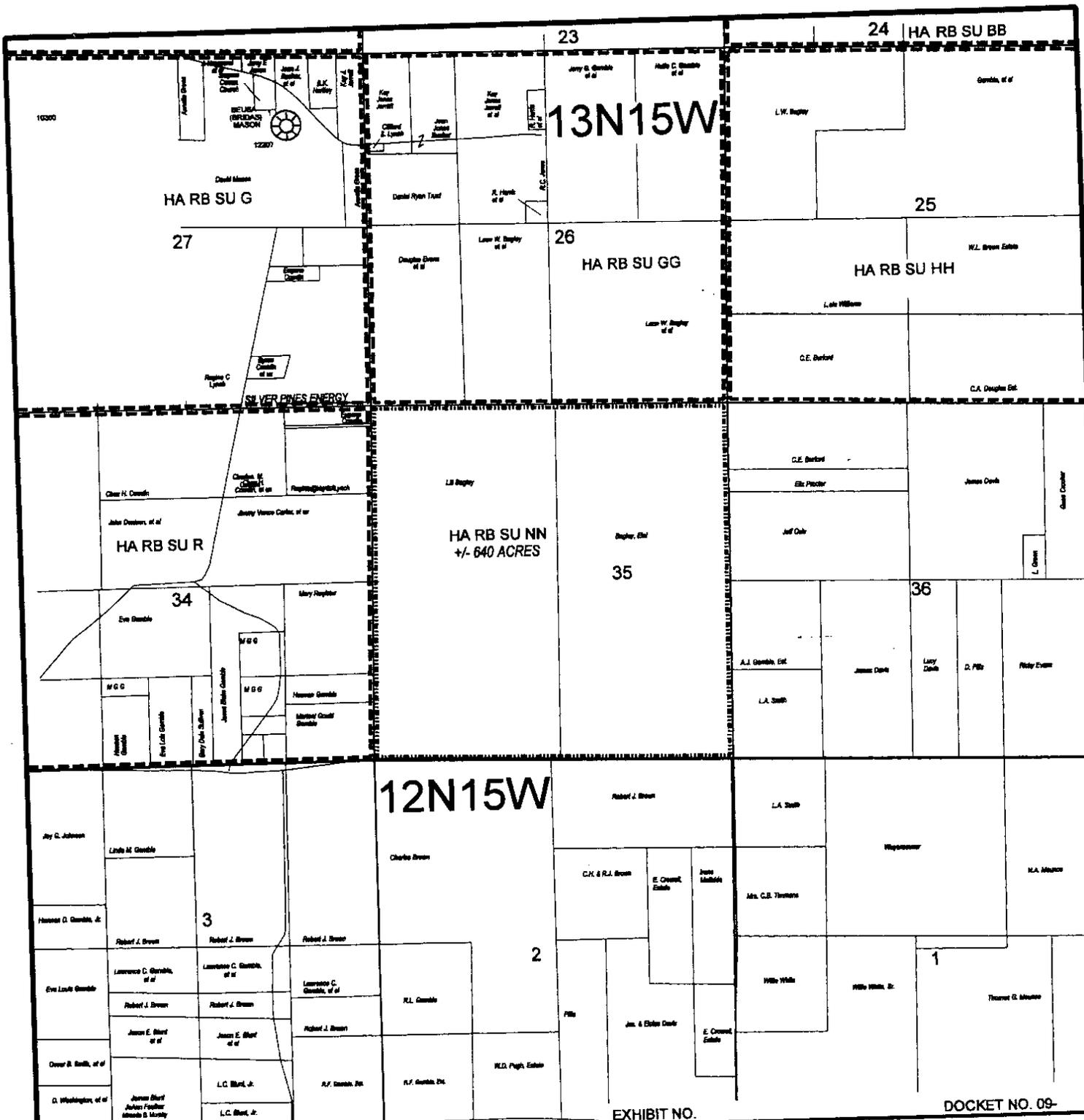
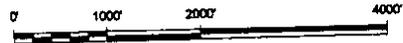


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BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD
DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT
HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR B



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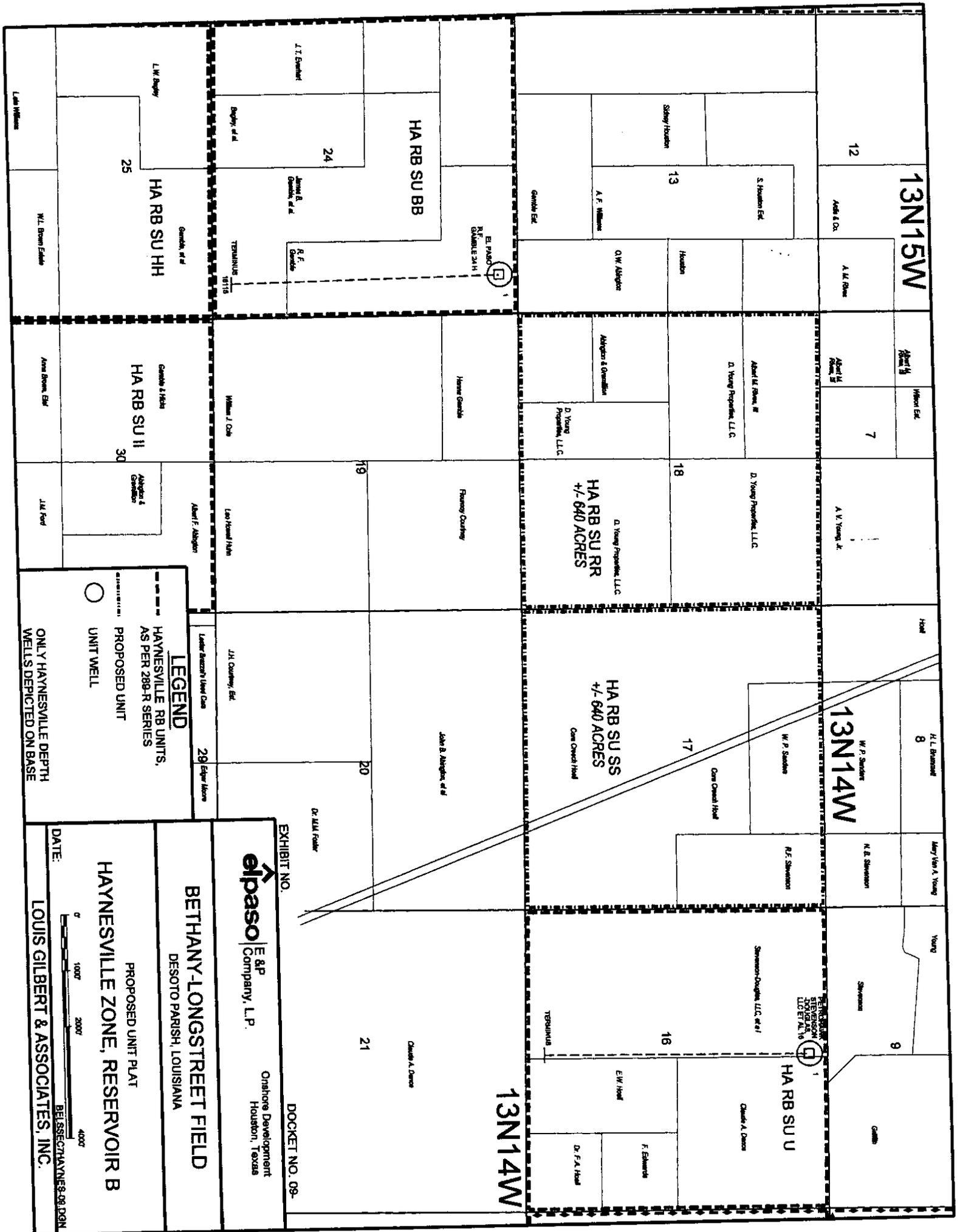
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- - UNIT WELL

NOTE: ONLY HAYNESVILLE DEPTH WELLS DEPICTED ON BASE

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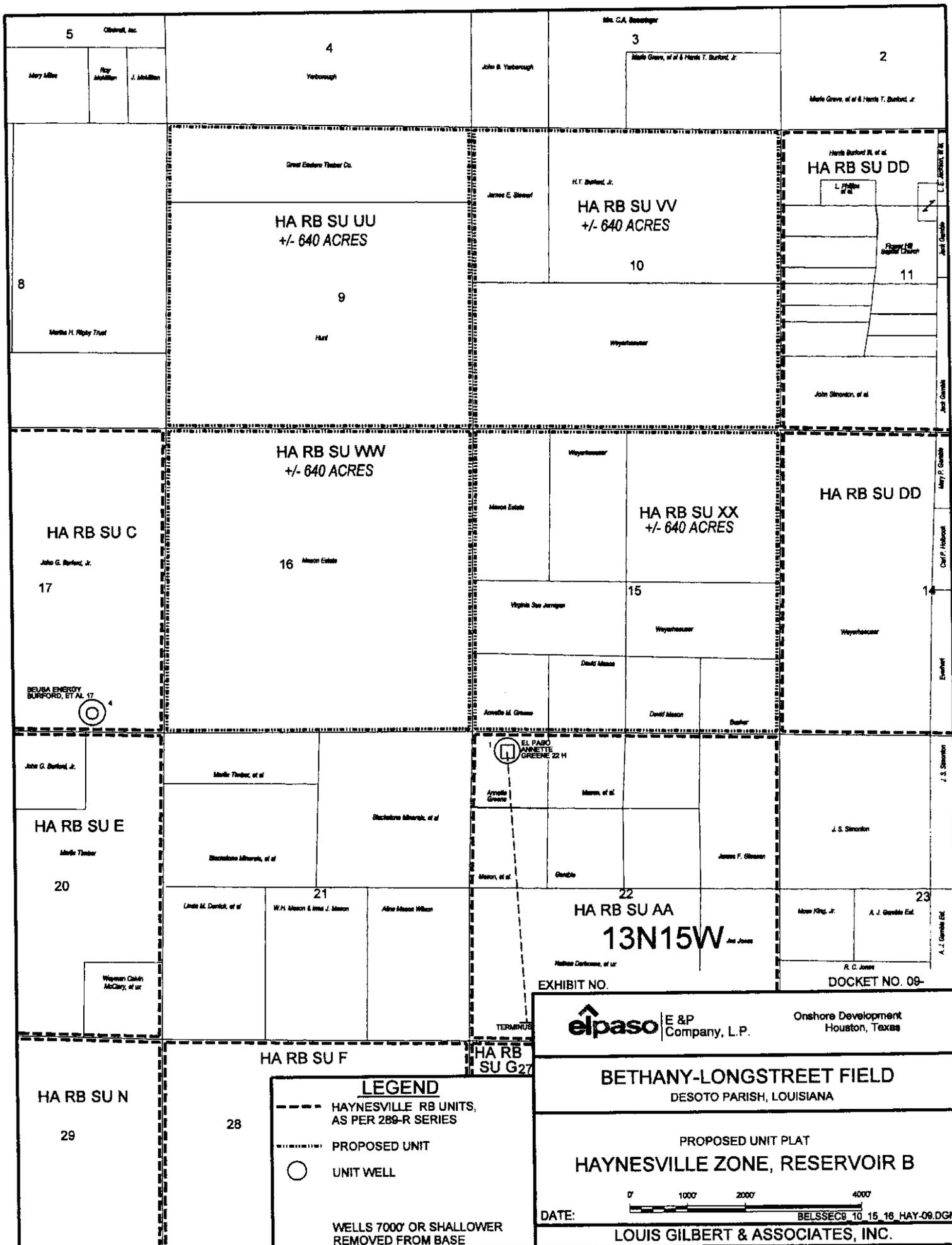
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HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR B

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5 O'Brien, Inc.
Mary Miller
Ray McMillan
J. McMillan

4 Verborough
Great Eastern Timber Co.

John B. Verborough

3 Mrs. C.A. Bowerlager
Marie Greer, et al & Herrie T. Burford, Jr.

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8 Martha H. Ripley Trust

9 HA RB SU UU +/- 640 ACRES
Hart

James E. Stever

10 H.T. Burford, Jr.
HA RB SU VV +/- 640 ACRES
Weyerhaeuser

11 Herrie Burford III, et al
HA RB SU DD
L. H. Hester
Randy H. Hester
John Simpson, et al

17 John G. Burford, Jr.

16 HA RB SU WW +/- 640 ACRES
Moon Estate

Mason Estate

15 Weyhaeuser
HA RB SU XX +/- 640 ACRES

14 HA RB SU DD
Weyhaeuser

20 HA RB SU E
Marie Timber
Weyman Oakley McClary, et al

21 Marie Timber, et al
Elizabeth Mithers, et al
Linda M. Derrick, et al
W.H. Mason & Irma J. Mason
Alma Mason Wilson

22 Arralle Greene
Mason, et al
Moon, et al
Greble
James F. Gleason

23 HA RB SU AA 13N15W +/- 640 ACRES
Hester, et al
Moon King, Jr.
A.J. Greble Est.
R.C. Jones

29 HA RB SU N

28 HA RB SU F +/- 640 ACRES

28 HA RB SU G27

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WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

