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

Re: Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A
Elm Grove Field
Caddo and Bossier 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 Elm Grove Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana:

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 Elm Grove Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, to be designated HA RA SU70 and HA RA SU71, as shown outlined on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. To define the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, INSOFAR AS HA RA SU70 and HA RA SU71 ARE CONCERNED, as the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing interval occurring between the depths of 9,650 feet and 11,426 feet (electric log measurements) in the KCS Resources, Inc. - Elm Grove Plantation No. 15 Well (Serial No. 229326) located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana;
3. 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;
4. To designate unit wells and unit operators, as appropriate;
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 and offset wells in adjacent units will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus;

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6. To extend to the additional units, except to the extent inconsistent herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders, and of all applicable Statewide Orders; and
7. 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 Elm Grove Field, Caddo and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and is to defined INsofar AS HA RA SU70 and HA RA SU71 ARE CONCERNED as provided herein.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter 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.

A Pre-Application Notice dated April 21, 2009, was circulated in connection with this matter. No request for a conference was received; accordingly, no conference was held.

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 plat 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 appropriate application fee.

Yours very truly,

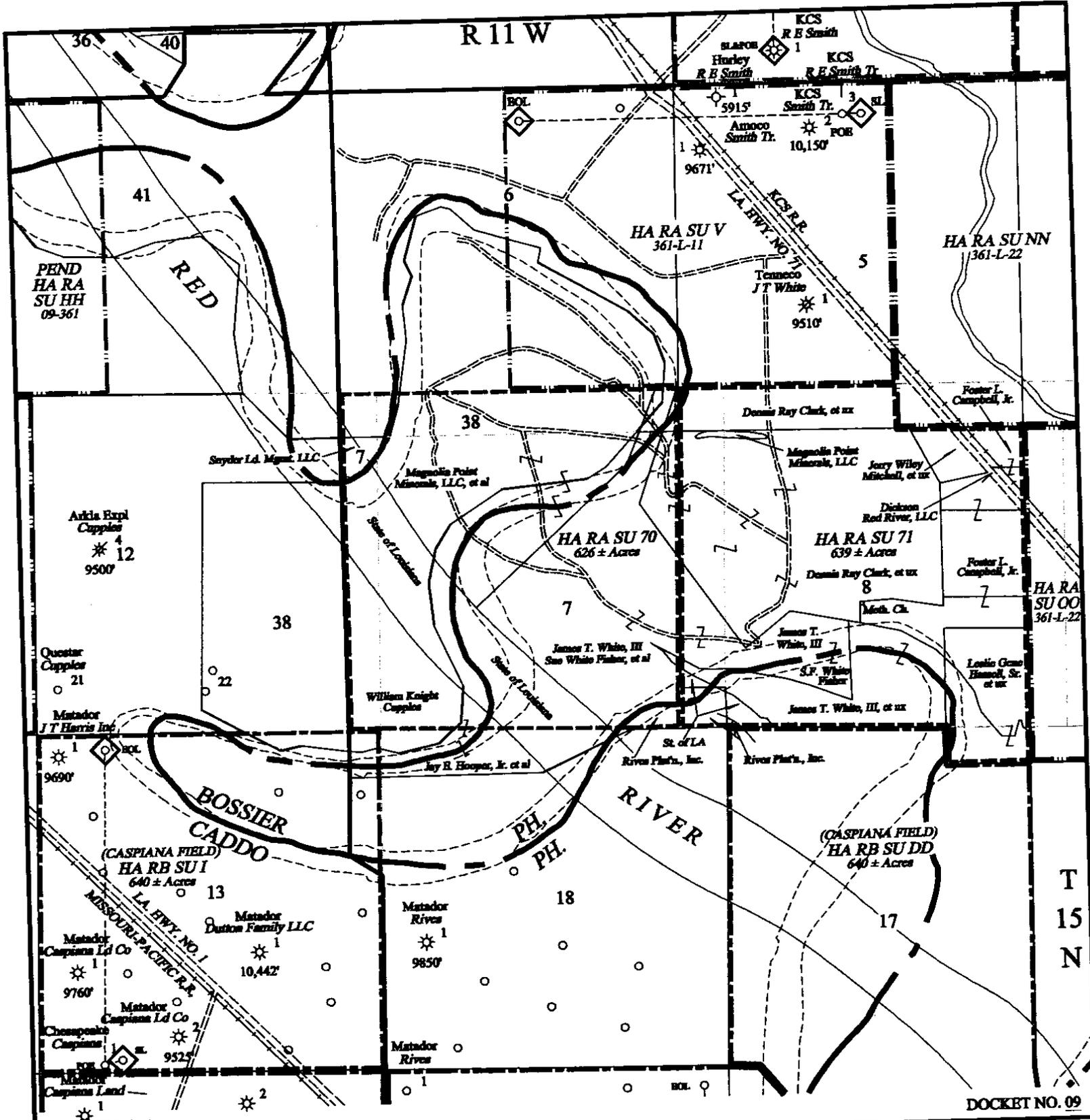
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Enclosures

cc: James C. Broussard, District Manager
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties
Mr. Craig Barclay
Ms. Toni Semple



DOCKET NO. 09

PETROHAWK OPERATING COMPANY
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

ELM GROVE FIELD
CADDO AND BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA
PROPOSED HAYNESVILLE ZONE, RESERVOIR A
SAND UNITS 70 AND 71

- : PROPOSED UNITS FOR ELM GROVE FIELD
- : PENDING/EXISTING UNITS FOR ELM GROVE FIELD
- ◆ : EXISTING HA RES A UNIT WELLS
- : EXISTING UNITS FOR CASPIANA FIELD



ONLY WELLS >6000' TD SHOWN

GEOLOGIST: CRAIG C. BARCLAY

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EXHIBIT NO. 1