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May 4, 2009

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

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

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

Conville Sand, Reservoir B

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated CON RB SUI.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize the unit well for the proposed additional unit at the location shown on the attached Conville Sand unit plat, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.
4. To redefine the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, insofar and only insofar as to the proposed additional unit CON RB SUI, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 7,172 feet and 7,210 feet in the El Paso E&P Company, L.P.--Louisiana Minerals Ltd. A No. 1 Well, located in Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989, as supplemented and amended by the Order No. 78-L series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit for the Conville Sand, Reservoir B.

The Conville Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.

Hodge-Hunt Sand, Hosston B Zone,
Reservoir A, and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Federal Land Bank 10 No. 1 Well as the substitute unit well for H-H SUH, and as the unit well for HOSS B RA SUAA and HOSS C RA SUR, at the location shown on attached plats, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944 (applicable to the Hodge-Hunt Sand), Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q, effective February 18, 1971 (applicable to the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980 (applicable to the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A).

2. To find that a substitute unit well for H-H SUH is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying H-H SUH which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well within the unit.

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 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.

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.

All Intervals

1. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, underlying CON RB SUI, from the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying H-H SUH, from the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS B RA SUAA, and from the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS C RA SUR, 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.

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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.

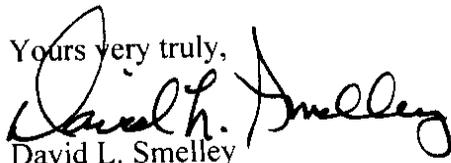
By letter dated April 17, 2009, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2009. A request for the pre-application conference was received within the delays provided for in the Rules of Procedure, but the request was subsequently withdrawn; therefore, no conference will be held.

Attached hereto are the four (4) plats referred to above (which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice). Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and 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, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley

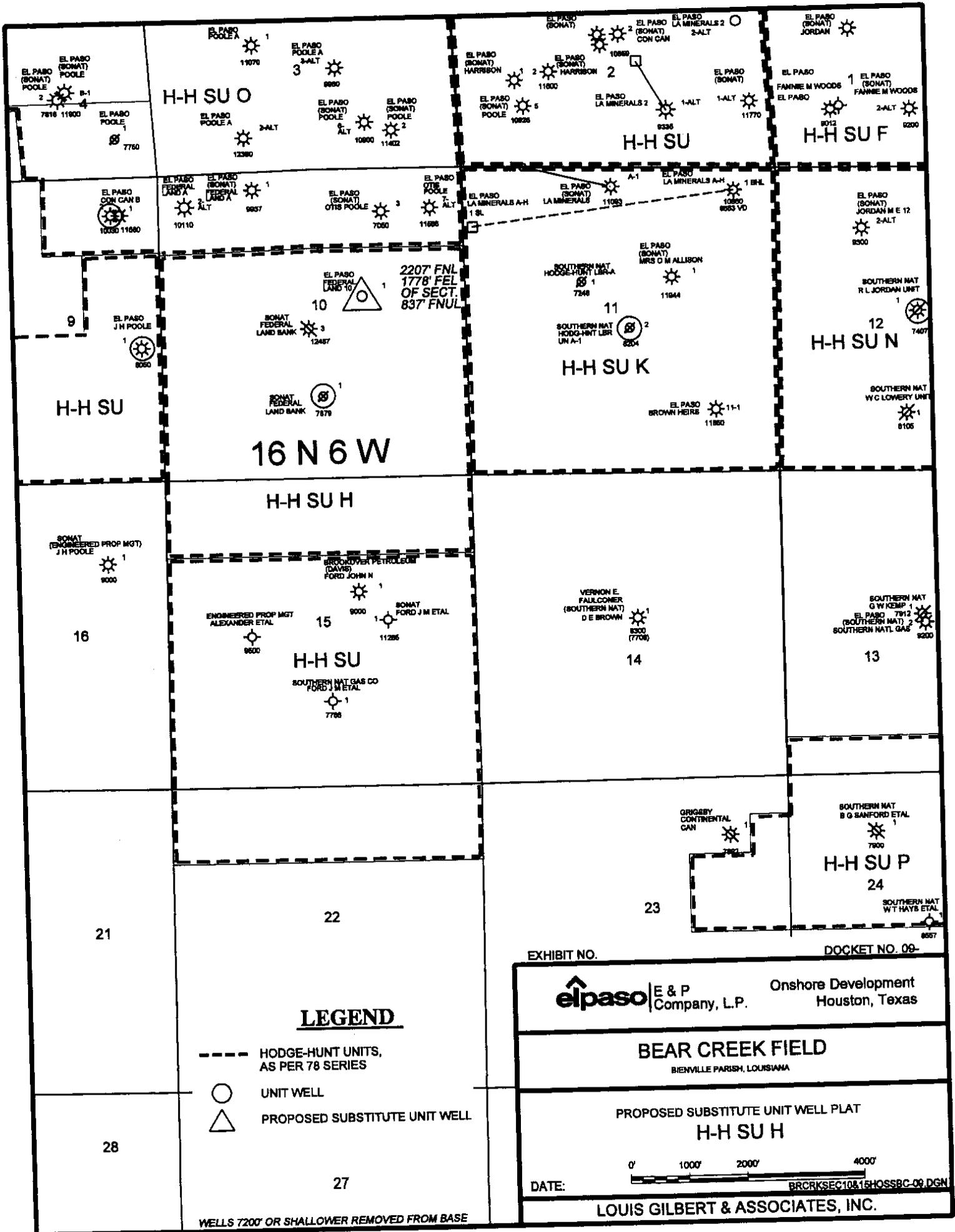
Attorney for El Paso E&P Company, L.P.

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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)



WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

LEGEND

- HODGE-HUNT UNITS, AS PER 78 SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

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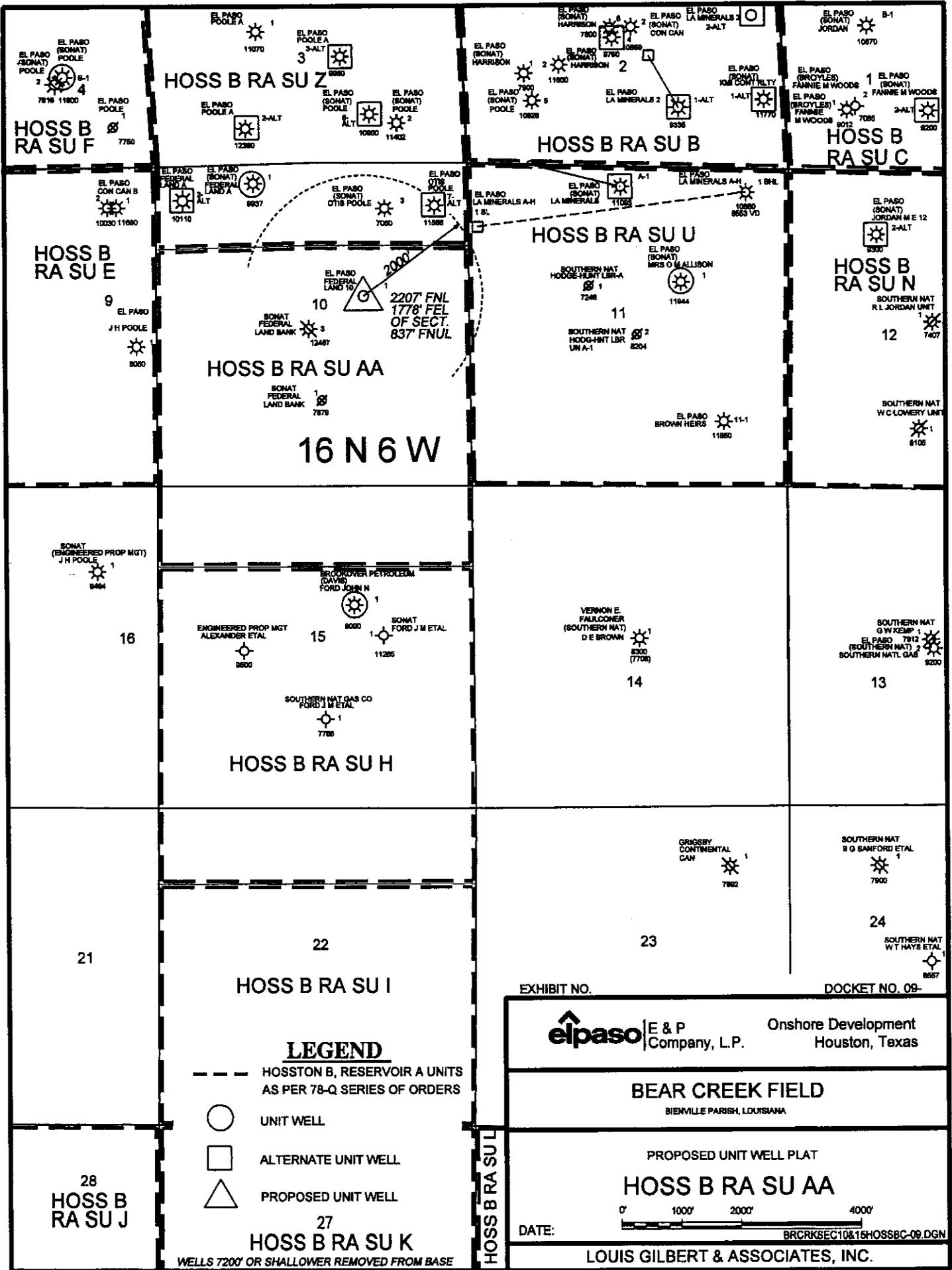
BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
H-H SU H



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LEGEND

--- HOSSTON B, RESERVOIR A UNITS AS PER 78-Q SERIES OF ORDERS

○ UNIT WELL

□ ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

△ PROPOSED UNIT WELL

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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT
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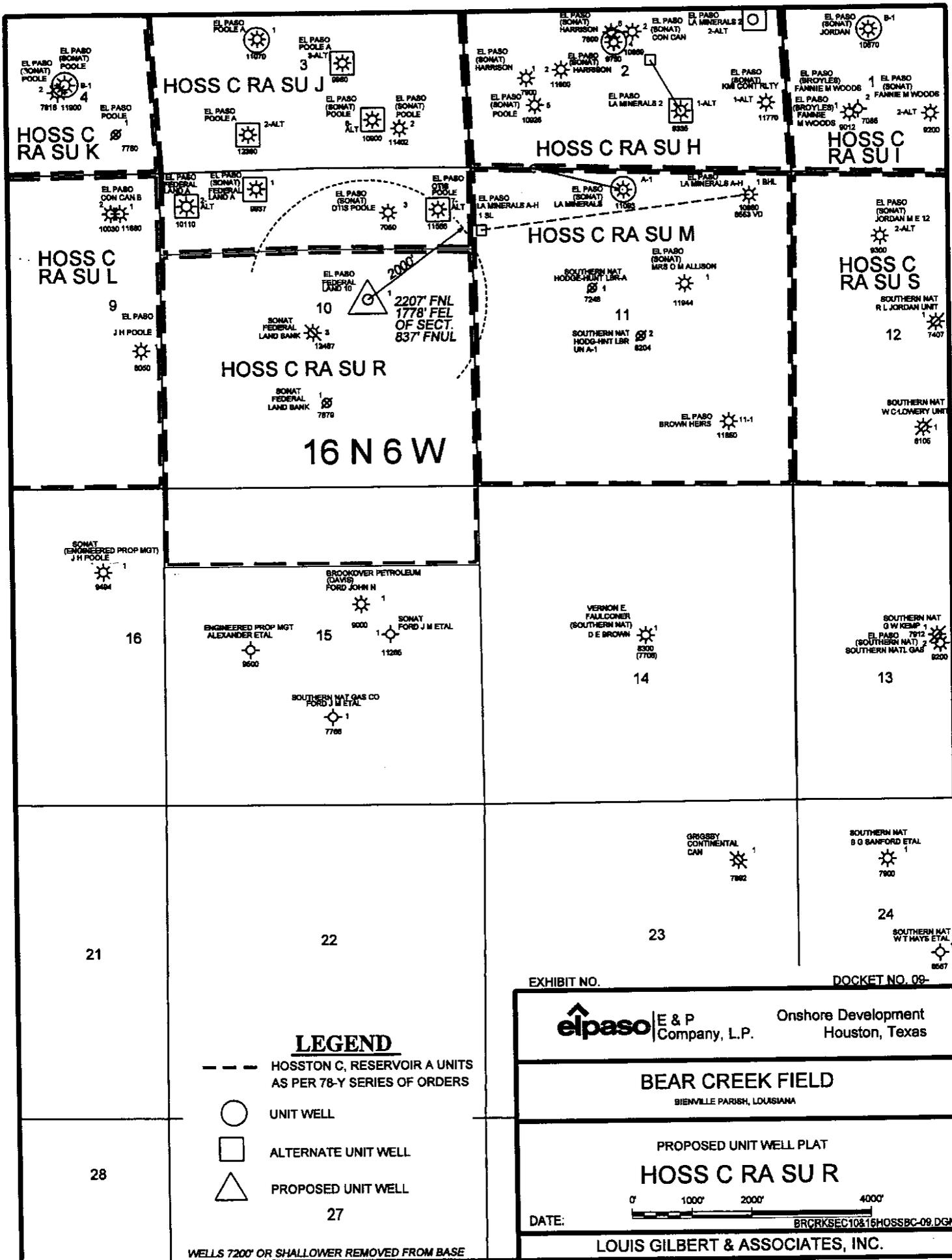
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HOSS B RA SU L



LEGEND

--- HOSSON C, RESERVOIR A UNITS AS PER 78-Y SERIES OF ORDERS

○ UNIT WELL

□ ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

△ PROPOSED UNIT WELL

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WELLS 7200' OR SHALLOWER REMOVED FROM BASE

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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS C RA SU R

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