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Honorable James H. Welsh
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A
Metcalf Field
Caddo Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 410595.34

Dear Sir:

On behalf of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Metcalf Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units (to be designated as HA RA SUG, HA RA SUH and HA RA SUI) for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Metcalf Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed units, with allocation of production to the tracts within such units to be on the basis of surface acreage.
3. To designate a unit operator and to designate unit wells for certain of said units, if appropriate.
4. To redefine the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Metcalf Field, INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as the proposed HA RA SUG, HA RASUH and HA RA SUI are concerned, as that gas and condensate bearing interval between the depths of 10,173 feet and 11,619 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Chesapeake Operating, Inc. - Chiggero No. 1 Well located in Section 14, Township 16 North, Range 15 West, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.
5. With respect to future horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the proposed units, where the horizontal 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 between wells 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 provide that any future wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the units created herein, should be located no closer than 330 feet from any unit line and no closer than 660 feet between wells drilling to, completed in, or for which a permit shall have been granted to drill to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.
7. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 813-B, effective November 6, 2007, as amended and supplemented by the 813-B Series of Orders, to the proposed units.

8. To consider such other matters and issue such orders as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Metcalf Field, Caddo Parish, Louisiana was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 813-B, effective November 6, 2007, but shall be redefined as set forth above.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, Chase Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71163-1126. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Wm. Timothy Allen III at (318) 221-6858 during normal business hours or write Mr. Allen at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained AT THE EXPENSE OF THE REQUESTING PARTY.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Revised Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this application, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Revised Rules of Procedure.

By Pre-Application Notice dated April 30, 2009, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no timely request for a Pre-Application Conference, and accordingly, no conference was held.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation, and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

You may have received this Hearing Application even though your property may or may not be included in the proposed units, because the Revised Rules of Procedure require us to attempt to also notify everyone owning an interest in the area "proximate to" the proposed units.

Your receipt of this Hearing Application does not require you to take any action. It is meant to notify you of these proceedings so that you have the opportunity to participate if you so desire.

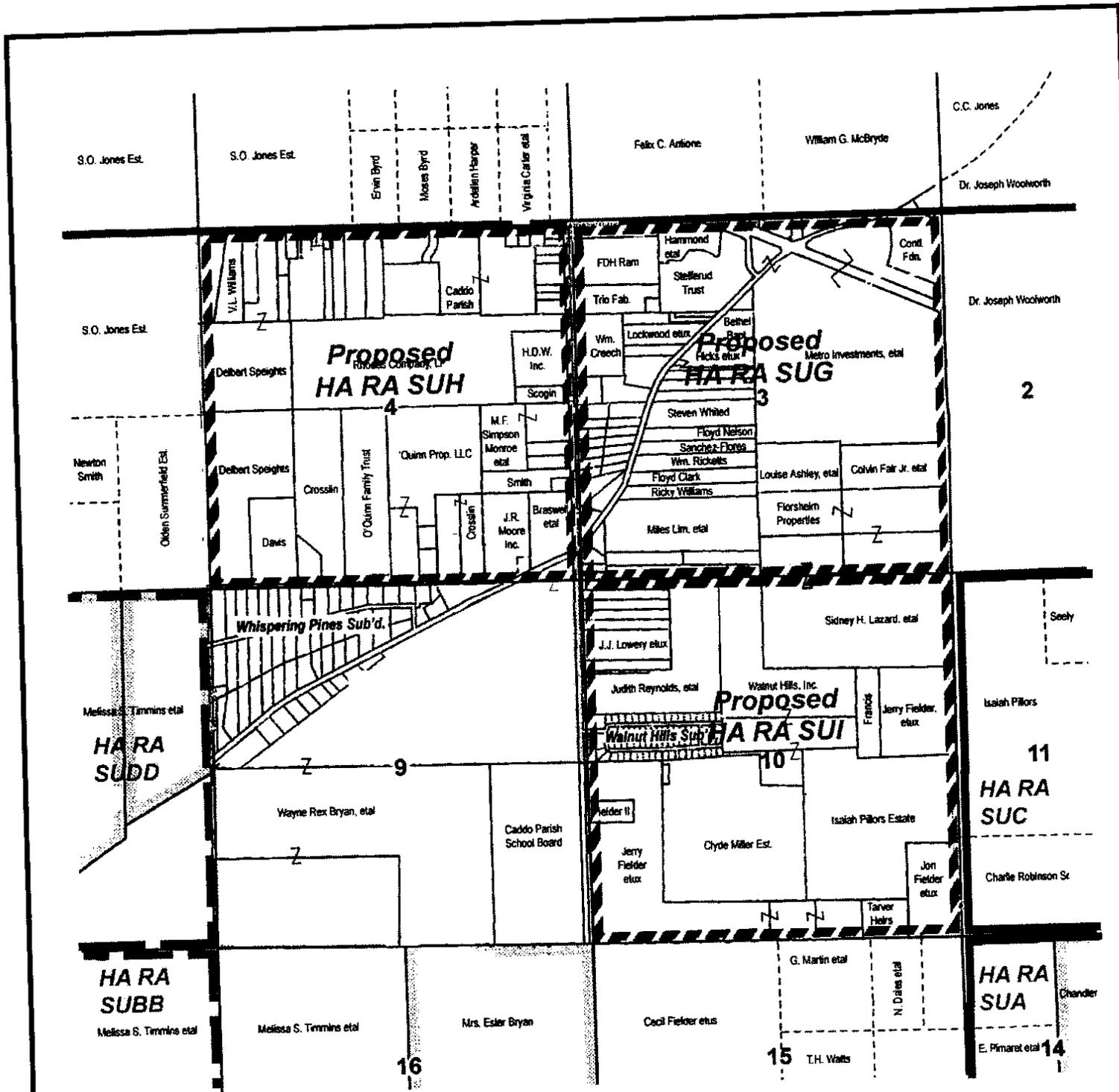
Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: 
Wm. Timothy Allen III
Attorneys for St. Mary Land & Exploration Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport
District Manager (w/enclosures)
cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)



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LEGEND

-  Proposed HA RA Units (Metcalf Field)
-  Existing HA RA Units (Metcalf Field)
-  Existing HA RA Units (Johnson Branch Field)

Docket No: _____ Date: _____ Exhibit No: 1

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION, CO.

METCALF FIELD
Caddo Parish, LA
UNIT PLAT
PROPOSED HA RA SUG,
HA RA SUH, HA RA SUI

2000' 0 2000'